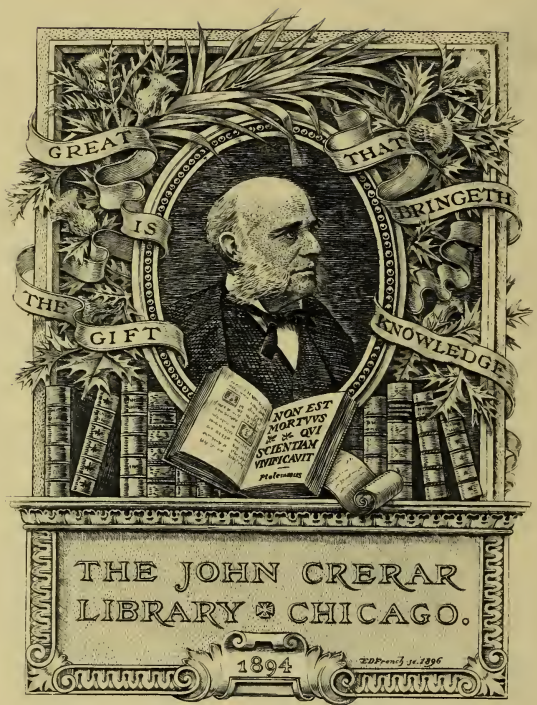

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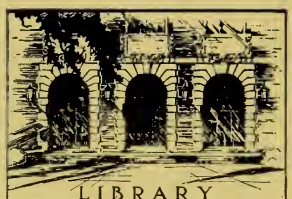

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting to the City Council a statement of the work done at the Library during the year ended March 25th, 1892.

There has again been a falling off in the number of books issued from the Lending Department for purposes of home reading, the decrease being 20,596 volumes, as compared with that of 59,229 volumes in 1890-91. During the same period, 1891-92, decreases in the circulating departments of the following Public Libraries have also been recorded, viz.:—Nottingham, 119,746; Sheffield, 43,027; Birmingham, 24,571; and Liverpool, 7,681.

During the year, the percentage of issues in Prose Fiction, as compared with the issues in the other Classes of Literature, has increased by 5.82; but when the higher figures are compared with those of several of the principal Public Libraries of the Country, Newcastle still holds an enviable position, Rochdale being 82.54; Nottingham, 79.74; Manchester, 74.66; Norwich, 72.63; and Sunderland, 72.43; while Newcastle upon-Tyne shows only 57.83.

The total number of registered Readers on March 25th, 1892, amounted to 10,507, and is divided as follows:—Citizens, 2,414; Non-Citizens, 8,093; a decrease of 1,559 on the previous return, which is chiefly to be attributed to the expiration, in November, 1891, of the three years' limit for use of Readers' Tickets. This expiration

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probably also accounts, in a considerable degree, for the general decrease in the issue from the Lending Library previously alluded to.

The gross number of volumes in all departments of the Library amounts to 72,819, being an increase of 3,209 above the previous return.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This portion of the Institution was open during the year to the public on 270 days, and the total issue reached 181,614 volumes, being, as already stated, a decrease of 20,596 on the issue of 1890-91. The gross issue of books for home reading from this department since its inauguration in 1880 has reached 2,648,903 volumes.

1,125 volumes have been added to this section of the Library, making the total stock 34,774; or an increase of 14,705 since the commencement of operations in September, 1880.

The following list of books is fairly representative of the class of works added to this department during the past year, viz. :—

Theological and Philosophical :—Bampton Lectures. By-paths of Bible Knowledge. Trübner's English and Foreign Philosophical, and Oriental Libraries. Hibbert Lectures. National Churches, including those of Germany and Spain.

Biographical, Geographical, and Historical:—American Statesmen. Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain. Eminent Actors. English Leaders of Religion, including the Life of Bishop Samuel Wilberfore. English Men of Action, including Rodney and Montrose. Heroes of the Nations, including Pericles and Sidney. Prime Ministers of Queen Victoria, including Gladstone, Salisbury, and Palmerston. Rulers of India, including Canning and Hardinge. The State Papers. The Story of the Nations, including Portugal, and The Normans. Twelve English Statesmen, including Peel, Pitt, and Queen Elizabeth. The World's Great Explorers, including Franklin, and Livingstone.

Science and Natural History :—Contemporary Science Series, including Bacteria and their Products, Grammar of Science, and The Man of Genius. International Scientific Series, including Colour Blindness. Longman's Text-Books of Science, including Practical Physics, and Elements of Machine Design. Macmillan's Manuals for Students, including Outlines of Psychology, and Elements of Crystallography. Nature Series, including Navigational Affairs, and

The Right Hand: Left-handedness. The Publications of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Farmers' Club. Modern Science, including The Cause of an Ice Age, The Horse, and The Oak. Romance of Science, including Soap Bubbles, Story of a Tinder-Box, and The Making of Flowers. Specialists' Series, including Alkali-maker's Handbook, Magneto and Dynamo-Electric Machines, and Sewage Treatment.

Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities:—Records of the Past: Translations of Ancient Monuments in Egypt, and Western Asia. Andrews' Old Church Lore, Bygone Northamptonshire, and Yorkshire in Olden Times. Axon's Bygone Lancashire. The Antiquarian Library, including Heraldry, Monumental Brasses, and Symbolism in Christian Art. Ross' Legendary Yorkshire, and Yorkshire Family Romance. Life in Ancient Egypt and Assyria. Musical History. Garden Architecture and Landscape Gardening. Yester-year: Ten Centuries of Toilette. Four Welsh Counties. Drawing from Objects. Through Airedale, and The Ouse

Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics:—Social Questions of To-Day, including Commerce of Nations, Co-operative Movement of To-Day, and Mutual Thrift. Social Science Series, including Dawn of Radicalism, Destitute Alien, and Trade Policy of Federation. University Extension Manuals, including English Colonization and Empire, and Use and Abuse of Money. Atkinson's Industrial Progress of the Nation. Brentano's Relation of Labour to Law. Dilke's Problems of Greater Britain. Dilke and Wilkinson's Imperial Defence. Fiske's Civil Government in the U. S. of America. Gibbins' History of Commerce in Europe. Macleod's Economics. Nicol's Political Life of our Times.

Philology and Education:—Jones' Browning as a Philosophical Teacher. Kennedy's Legendary Fictions of the Irish Celts. Library of American Literature (11 vols.). Lowell's Latest Literary Essays. Nicholson's Folk-Lore of East Yorkshire. Whitney's German-English Dictionary

Poetry and the Drama:—Blind's Dramas in Miniature. Browning, Selections from. Buchanan's The Outcast. Lecky's Poems. Rossetti's Poems. Ruskin's Poems.

Prose Fiction:—The new works of the following writers have been added, viz.:—Allen, Arnold, Barrie, Besant, Black, Braddon, Buchanan, Church, Couch, Crawford, De la Ramé (*Ouida*), Doyle,

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Edwards, Farjeon, Fothergill, Haggard, Harte, Hector *(Mrs. Alexander)*, Howells, James, Jerome, Kingsley, Kipling, Le Fanu, Linton, Marryat (Florence), MacDonald Macquoid, Meade, Meredith, Morris, Murray, Norris, Oliphant, Payn, Russell, Shipton, Sims, Smart, Smith (Annie Swan), Stannard (*John Strange Winter*), Stockton, Truttiett (*Maxwell Gray*), Walford, Warden, Yeats, and Yonge.

Technical Education and Instruction :—Handbook for Mechanical Engineers. Copyright, Patents, Design, etc. Practical Organic Chemistry. Art and Craft of Cabinet-making. Elements of Agriculture. Practical Physics. Cameo-cutting. Coal: and what we get from it. First Book of Electricity and Magnetism Treatise on Mechanics. Etching. Manual of Colours and Dye Wares. Art of Cooking by Gas. Text Book of Elementary Agriculture. How to use the Aneroid Barometer.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1891, one volume only was reported by the Librarian as missing, viz. :—Marryat's "Japhet in search of a Father;" but this work was some few weeks afterwards found upon the shelves, and therefore during the whole year NOT ONE SINGLE VOLUME was lost from this Department, leaving the number lost during eleven-and-a-half years at 22 VOLUMES. For List of which *see* page 20.

485 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation during the year, having been found to be so imperfect or worn, as to necessitate replacement by new copies. 3,102 volumes have been so dealt with during the past eleven-and-a-half years, or one in eleven of the entire stock. 1,105 volumes have been bound or re-bound for this department during the year, together with a very large number which have been repaired on the premises by the Library staff.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY.

145 volumes have been added to the stock of this department during the year, making a total of 2,830 volumes, being a gross addition to stock since the opening in 1880 of 1,858 volumes At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1891, NOT ONE SINGLE VOLUME was found to be missing in this collection, once again testifying in no uncertain way to the care which has been taken by the children of the City of the books placed at their service by the Committee. With an aggregate issue of 384,512 volumes during

the past eleven-and-a-half years only TWO BOOKS have been lost. The issue in this section of the Library during the past year has reached 30,117 volumes, being a decrease of 6,511 upon the previous return.

The new works of the following popular authors have been added to this portion of the Library during the past year, viz.:—Ballantyne's Red Man's Revenge, Coxswain's Bride, and Buffalo Runners. Cooke's Father Damien, An American Hero [W. Lloyd Garrison], and a Scottish Hero [Dr. Chalmers]. Everett-Green's In the Wars of the Roses, Loyal Hearts and True, and My Boynie. Fenn's Crystal Hunters, To the West, and Brownsmith's Boy. Henty's Jack Archer, and Held Fast for England. Kingston's With Axe and Rifle, and Snow Shoes and Canoes. Molesworth's Bewitched Lamp, Children of the Castle, and Nurse Heatherdale's Story. Moncrieff's *(Ascot R. Hope)* Royal Youths, Wigwam and Warpath, and In Forest and Jungle. Penrose's *(Mrs. Markham)* Histories of England, and Germany. Stables' Captain Japp. Thayer's George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and The Boy without a Name. The Young Collector's Handbooks: Copper Coins of Europe. Tucker's Wreath of Smoke, and The Battle of Life. Verne's Lottery Ticket, and Clipper of the Clouds.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

The issue of these Government Publications has reached 4 553 volumes, showing an increase of 1,172. The Total Stock now contained in this department reaches 4,081 volumes, being an increase of 111. The new arrangements which have been entered into with the Patent Office, and the Corporation of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (who are the custodians) have been much appreciated by frequenters of this Library, and a great boon has been conferred upon Patentees and others interested in this special form of publication.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

This Room is now regularly supplied with 31 daily, 100 weekly, or bi-weekly, 108 monthly or bi-monthly, and 17 Quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, etc. For List *see* pages 29-32.

The number of individual visits paid to this room during the year, on the 294 days upon which it was open to the public, was 638,801, being a daily average of 2,173 visitors, or an increase of

5,344 on the year. The gross total of visits paid to this portion of the Institution on week-days, since its opening in 1882 (nine-and-a-half years) has been 5,441,095.

This room was also open to the public on 47 Sundays during the year (between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m.), and was visited by 31,358 persons, giving a daily average of 667; this shows a decrease of 3,670. The total number of vists paid to this room since Sunday opening was instituted in October, 1883 (eight-and-a-half years), has been 291,642.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The entire Stock of volumes contained in this Department now amounts to 38,045 volumes, being an increase of 2,084 on the year. During the same period the issue has reached 52,301, or an increase of 48. Our Librarian is very strongly of opinion that had it not been for the serious inconvenience caused to Students and frequenters of this Room for some considerable portion of the year, consequent upon the installation of the Electric Light, the attendances would have shown a very much more substantial increase. The gross number of volumes consulted in this Department since the opening by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on August 20th, 1884, has amounted to 320,644.

During the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1891, TWO small books, viz.:—Hobson's "Amateur Mechanic's Practical Handbook," and Nichols' "Human Physiology," were found to be unaccounted for, and although most diligent search was made at that time, and has since been continued, they are not yet forthcoming. Both of the books were of a popular character, and from the smallness of their size, they naturally lent themselves to easy removal by dishonest frequenters of this room; but with these added to our previous loss, only THREE Volumes have been lost in this department since its opening, seven-and-a-half years ago.

The following is a list of the more important works added to this section of the Library during the past year, by purchase and gift, viz.:—Allibone's Critical Dictionary of English Literature, Supplement to. By Kirk, 2 vols. Angas (The Hon. George Fife) Life of. By Hodder, 2 vols. Anglin's Design of Structures. Annual Register for A.D. 1890. Anson's Principles of the English Law of Contract. Antiquaries, Proceedings of the Society of, A.D. 1843-89, 16 vols.

Badger's English-Arabic Lexicon. Badminton Library; edited by the Duke of Beaufort, vols. 1 to 16. Baker's Wild Beasts, and their Ways, 2 vols. Balfour's Cyclopædia of India, 3 vols. Beard's Port Royal, 2 vols. Berdoe's Browning Cyclopædia. Berkeley and Smith's Outlines of British Fungology, 2 vols. Blade's Pentateuch of Printing. Blakston, Swaysland, and Wiener's Canaries and Cage Birds. Bloxam's Chemistry. Böhm-Bawerk's Positive Theory of Capital. Booth's Labour and Life of the People, 3 vols. Botanical Memoirs, Foreign, Translations of, vols. 1 to 7. British Association for the Advancement of Science, Reports of the 60th, and 61st Meetings, held at Leeds, and Cardiff, A.D. 1890-91, 2 vols. British Museum Publications:—Catalogue of Birds, vol. 19; Catalogue of Coleopterous Insects, Part 9; Catalogue of Fossil Birds; Catalogue of Fossil Cephalopoda, Part 2; Catalogue of Fossil Fishes, Part 2; Catalogue of the Cuneiform Tablets in the Kouyunjik Collection, vol. 2; Catalogue of the Picariæ; List of the Edwards Collection of British Mollusca; List of the Specimens of British Animals, Parts 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 12; List of the Specimens of Lepidopterous Insects, Parts 1 to 15; and Subject Index of Modern Works, A.D. 1885-90. Browning (Dr. Robert) Selections from the Poetical Works of, 2 vols. Burke's Extinct and Dormant Baronetcies. Burton's Inner Life of Syria, 2 vols. Casati's Ten Years in Equatoria, 2 vols. Lord Castlereagh's Memoirs, Letters, and Despatches, 12 vols. Century Dictionary; edited by Whitney, vols. 5 and 6, completing the work. "Challenger" Report on Deep Sea Deposits. Chambers's Encyclopædia, new edition, vols. 7 and 8. Classical Museum, complete set, 7 vols. Common Prayer, Book of, Facsimile of the Original Manuscript of the, signed by Convocation, A.D. 1661. Cooke's British Edible Fungi. Cooper's My Life, 2 vols. Croker Papers, The, 3 vols. Davis and Thurnam's Crania Britannica, 2 vols Dictionary of National Biography; edited by Lee, vols. 27 to 29. Dilke's Problems of Greater Britain, 2 vols. Domesday Studies, vol. 2, completing the work. Du Chaillu's The Viking Age, 2 vols. Dunlop's Glass in the Old World. Electrical Engineers, Journal of the Institution of, complete set to date. Engel's From Handel to Hallé. Everard's History of the 29th (Worcestershire) Regiment. Foreign Mathematical and Physical Periodicals, complete sets to date:—Annalen der Chemie; Fortschritte der Mathematik; Fortschritte der Physik; Journal de l'École Polytechnique; Journal de Mathématiques; Mathematische Annalen; Nouvelles Annales de

Mathématiques ; and Zeitschrift für Mathematik und Physik. Freeman's Historical Essays, *Fourth Series.* Fritsch's Denkmaeler Deutscher Renaissance, 4 vols. Froude's Divorce of Catherine of Aragon. Fulton's Book of Pigeons. Gasquet and Bishop's Edward VI., and the Book of Common Prayer. Gladstone (Right Hon. W. E.) Life of. By Smith, 6 vols. Graetz's History of the Jews, vols. 3 to 5, completing the work. Griswold's Female Poets of America, and Poets and Poetry of America, 2 vols. Gunton's Principles of Social Economics. Hansard's Parliamentary Debates for Session A.D. 1891. Hazlitt's Tales and Legends of National Origin. Jastrow's Dictionary of the Targumin, Part 4. Jay's Correspondence and Public Papers, vol. 3. Julian's Dictionary of Hymnology. Junker's Travels in Africa. Ladd's Elements of Physiological Psychology. Landois and Stirling's Human Physiology, 2 vols. Lind (Jenny) Memoir of. By Holland, and Rockstro, 2 vols. Lockyer's Meteoritic Hypothesis. Lowell's Collected Works (Riverside edition, large paper copy), vol. 11, completing the work. Mackay's Glossary of Obscure Words in Shakespeare. McMillan's Electro-Metallurgy. Martin (Henri) Histoire de France, 7 vols. Martineau's Essays, Reviews, and Addresses, 4 vols. Maudsley's Physiology and Pathology of the Mind. Montagu (Mrs. Elizabeth) Letters of 4 vols. Morgan's Romano-British Mosaic Pavements. Morris (Gouverneur) Diary and Letters of, 2 vols. Moss's Shores of the Polar Sea. Mulhall's Dictionary of Statistics, new edition, 1891. Murray (John) Memoirs and Correspondence of. By Smiles, 2 vols. Murray's Handbook to Japan. National Magazine, complete set, 9 vols. Oliphant (Laurence) Life of. By Margaret Oliphant, 2 vols. Ormerod's History of Cheshire, 3 vols. Lord Osborne's Letters to the "Times," 2 vols. Parke's Practical Hygiene. Parnell's History of the Penal Laws against the Roman Catholics. Percy's Metallurgy of Fuel, Fire-Clays, Copper, etc. Raphael's Life, Works, and Times. By Muntz. Redhouse's Turkish Dictionary. Renan's Future of Science, and History of the People of Israel, vol. 3. Rogers' Economic Interpretation of History, and England's Commercial Supremacy, 2 vols. Roscoe and Schorlemmer's Treatise on Chemistry, vol. 3, Part 6. Ruskin's Poems, large paper copy, 2 vols. Sacred Books of the East, vols. 32, 39, and 40. Saint-Simon's Memoirs, 3 vols Schlich's Manual of Forestry, 2 vols. Scott (Sir Walter) The Journal of, 2 vols. Seebohm's Siberia in Europe. Sewel's History of the Quakers, 2 vols. Shakespeare's True Life. By Walter. Slingo and Brooker's Electrical Engineering,

new edition, 1890. Smith's Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities, new edition, vol. 2. Steven's Leather Manufacture. Stirling's Practical Histology, and Practical Physiology, 2 vols. Stokvis (A.M.H.J.) Manuel d'Histoire, 3 vols. Strack-Letarouilly's Baudenkmaeler Roms, folio. Tait (Archbishop Campbell) Life of. By Davidson, and Benham, 2 vols. Taylor's Modern Factory System. Theal's History of South Africa, vols. 1-5. Thomson's The Atlantic, 2 vols. Thorpe's Dictionary of Applied Chemistry, vol. 2. *Times*, Indices to the, Oct. A.D. 1839, to Sep. A.D. 1841; and for A.D. 1891, 12 vols. Traill's Boilers, 2nd edition, 1890. Tutin's Wordsworth Dictionary. Wagner's Manual of Chemical Technology. Wall's Tombs of the Kings of England. Washington (President George) Complete Works of; edited by Ford, vols. 9-12. Wells' Literature of the Turks, and Practical Grammar of the Turkish Language, 2 vols., and Woodward and Burnett's Treatise of Heraldry, 2 vols.

Eight volumes only are now required to place the Reference Library in the same condition as to stock, as it held prior to the disastrous fire which took place in Nov. 1884, a copy of Santvoord's Lives of the Chief Justices of the United States, demy 8vo., New York, 1854, having been secured by purchase during the past year. The following List represents the works still required, and reports of the same from persons who may have these publications will be gladly received by the Committee, viz. :—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to. Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844; and Guarino's Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671.

The work of Cataloguing this Collection has been practically at a standstill during the past year, in consequence of the time of our Librarian being entirely occupied with the preparation of the Catalogue of the Thomlinson Library.

THE GIBSONE CONCHES.

A selection from these valuable and artistic conchological drawings has been exhibited in specially prepared dust-proof frames on fixed stands, on two of the tables at the West end of the Reference Library, the same being changed periodically; and the exhibition of these exquisite drawings has proved of great interest and help to a considerable number of the frequenters of this room.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The stock of volumes is now 4,400, there having been 7 volumes received as donations during the year. One special gift has been made by the Rev. Canon Raine, D.C.L., of York (through the Rev. Edward Hussey Adamson, M A., Vicar of St. Alban's, Heworth, in the County of Durham), consisting of 84 Manuscript Sermons, preached in various Cities, Towns, and Villages, chiefly in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, during the years 1701-42, by the Rev. Edmund Lodge. It is interesting to know that the preacher was for some time Curate under Dr. Thomlinson, and it is peculiarly fitting that these Sermons, in their original form, should now form part of the Library so carefully selected by Dr. Thomlinson for public use.

At the present time the whole of the volumes of this collection have been re-bound, or are in process of re-binding, and at this date only 87 volumes, made up of 917 tracts, require to be so dealt with. The work of cataloguing this collection has been found to be both arduous and trying, and up to this time 48,948 cards have been used to transcribe its contents. It is confidently hoped that the whole work connected with the re-habilitation and restoration of this old bequest Library will be brought to a successful termination during the present year.

It is also expected that when the work of cataloguing is completed the stock of volumes will be materially added to, as it has been found, in dealing with the Library, that a considerable number of books and pamphlets had not been separately dealt with in the previous published catalogues of the collection.

During the past year, although not open to the general public, no less than 4,419 volumes have been consulted in this department of the Library.

CONFERENCES.

The Forty-third Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at Blaydon on September 2, 1891, under the presidency of Philip Brown, Esq., M.D., who delivered an interesting Presidential Address. The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Libraries Committee was represented on the occasion by Councillors Evers, Flowers, and Telford, by whom the usual report of the work accomplished by the Public Libraries of this city was supplied to the Conference.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Library Association of the United Kingdom was held at Nottingham on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September, 1891, under the presidency of Robert Harrison, Esq., Librarian of the London Library, who delivered the usual Presidential Address, while papers on the following subjects were read, viz. :—"The Libraries of Nottingham." "The Library of the Nottingham Mechanics' Institution." "Some New Phases of Book Illustration." "The Place of the Public Library in Popular Education." "Gnats; or, the little Worries of Library Work." "The Sliding Press at the British Museum." "Recent Library Appliances." "The Necessity for a Bibliographical Society, and Suggestions for its Operations." "Some Librarian-made Books and Titles." "Some Unprofessional Occupations of Librarians." "Use and Classification of a Typographic Library." "Recent Public Library Buildings and Reports." "Public Libraries and the Photographic Survey of Counties." "Fines for the Damage of Books." "Can Mudie help the Public Libraries?" "Local Records and Public Libraries." "Three Special Features of Public Library Work." "A Year's Development of the Public Library Movement in Greater London," and the "Municipal Libraries of Paris."

DONATIONS.

988 volumes have been received by the Library as donations during the year, and among the chief donors and donations special attention may with propriety be called to the following, viz. :—Miss Mary Elizabeth Atherstone (copies of the first editions of her late father's works, with marginalia in the handwriting of the author; together with copies of other rare works, amounting in all to 29 volumes). The Family of the late Alderman Barkas, F.G.S. (works on Geology, Spiritualism, Mesmerism, etc., amounting to 103 volumes, and 204 pamphlets). Sir Benjamin Chapman Browne, D.C.L. (Memoirs and Correspondence of Viscount Castlereagh, vols. 1 and 2; Transactions of the Federated Institution of Mining Engineers for A.D. 1891, etc.). Andrew Carnegie, Esq. (The Library of American Literature, 11 vols., handsomely bound in half morocco, gilt tops, etc.). Councillor Adam Carse (42 pamplets, principally local; etc.). Dennis Embleton, Esq., M.D. (Complete set of his publications). The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers (Proceedings for A.D. 1891, 6 vols.; etc.). The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (Proceedings for A.D. 1891). The

Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders (Transactions for A.D. 1891). Rev. Joseph T. Fowler, M.A., F.S.A., M.R.C.S. (Several unpublished plates of Roman and Mosaic Pavements, etc., by the late William Fowler; being an endeavour by the donor to make the recently purchased copy of his grandfather's great work as complete as possible). John Lamb, Esq. (Colling's Art Foliage; Humber's Iron Bridges; Ingram's Memorials of Oxford; together with a number of other valuable works, chiefly on Architecture; in all, 55 volumes). John Macfarlan, Esq. (Dunlop's History of Fiction; Johnson's Lives of the English Poets, etc., 16 volumes). John Theodore Merz, Esq., Ph. D., D.C.L. (who kindly presented his own complete set of the "Annalen der Chemie," in 265 volumes [valued at £150], to the Reference Department, in consideration of which gift the Committee expended a sum of £247 2s. 0d. in securing complete sets of the Foreign Mathematical and Physical Journals enumerated on pages 7-8). Barnard Simpson Proctor, Esq. (Complete set of the "Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry," 9 volumes). Rev. Canon Raine, D C.L. (Donation to Thomlinson Library, *see* page 10). Walter Scott, Esq. (17 volumes, in continuation of the "Walter Scott Library"), and the County Councils of Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland, and the West Riding of Yorkshire (Minutes of Proceedings, etc.).

The total number of volumes received as donations since the adoption of the "Public Libraries Acts" in this city, (exclusive of the Thomlinson Library), has amounted to 13,024 volumes.

THE RIDDELL LIBRARY.

This collection now contains 1,031 volumes, 1 volume having been added by John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Esq., J.P., in continuation of the bequest of his late uncle. The same gentleman has also undertaken to continue the regular supply of the published parts of the following periodicals, viz :—Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal; Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

THE WALTER SCOTT LIBRARY.

This special Library, being the product of the local "Kenilworth Press," now contains 486 volumes, 17 having been added during the year, chiefly in continuation of series, viz. :—"Camelot Classics," 5 vols. "Canterbury Poets," 4 vols. "Contemporary Science Series," 5 vols.

COLLECTION OF LOCALLY PRINTED BOOKS.

The Committee has still continued to keep in view the desirability of adding to this collection of local literature such books and pamphlets as have been offered to them, either by purchase or donation, and the following may be especially enumerated as having been secured during the past year, viz. :—Allan's Illustrated Edition of Tyneside Songs and Readings, large paper copy, demy 8vo., Newcastle upon-Tyne, 1891. Backhouse's Structure of the Sidereal Universe, demy 4to., Sunderland, 1891. The Holy Bible ; with Practical Observations by Ostervald, folio, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1806. The New Testament ; with Burkitt's Expository Notes, cr. 4to , Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1806. Chapman's Bird Life of the Borders, demy 8vo., 1889. Charlton's Twelve Packs of Hounds, oblong 4to., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1891. Fuller's History of Berwick, demy 8vo., Berwick, 1799. Gateshead Local Records for A.D. 1853, demy 4to., Gateshead, 1853. Gillow's Bibliographical Dictionary of the English Catholics, vols. 1 to 3, demy 8vo. Hodgkin's Theodoric the Goth, cr. 8vo., 1891. Horsley's Lays of Jesmond, etc., cr. 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1891. Lightfoot's Sermons on Special Occasions, cr. 8vo., 1891. Mitchell's *Newcastle Register*, 3 vols , demy 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1843-45. Nicolson and Burn's History and Antiquities of Westmorland and Cumberland, 2 vols., demy 4to., 1777. Southern's Sonnets, and other Poems, cr. 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1891. Ward's Constitution of the Earth, cr. 8vo., 1880.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSTALLATION.

During the past year electricity has been substituted for gas as an illuminant throughout the entire building. The Public Libraries Committee, having decided in favour of this form of illumination, requested the City Council to approach the Local Government Board as to a loan of £600 for this purpose ; and, as a result, the Local Government Board sent down a representative to Newcastle, in the person of Arnold Taylor, Esq , who held a court of enquiry at the Town Hall on May 8th, 1891, with the result that the loan was granted upon the usual terms for such purposes. The whole question of the wiring of the building, the class of fittings, and the position that they were to take, was carefully provided for in a series of plans, and estimate, which were prepared by Mr. William George Laws C.E., City Engineer, in conjunction with Mr. Arthur Thomas Heaviside, of the General Post Office. The matter having been submitted

to open competition, the tender of the Newcastle Electric Supply Company, Ltd., was accepted. The work of installation was commenced during 1891, and the building was first lighted on January 7th, 1892. The installation consists of

	PART OF BUILDING.	No. of Lamps.	Candle Power.	FITTINGS.
Circuit No. 1	Vestibule	2	50	Bracket
	Entrance Hall	3	50	Suspension
	Main Stair and Inner Hall ..	4	50	,,
	Unpacking and Store Room ..	2	8	Bracket
	Store Room	1	8	,,
	Coals	1	8	,,
	Heating Apparatus	1	8	,,
	Basement Stairs..	1	8	,,
	Men's w.c.	3	8	,,
	,, Lavatory..	2	8	,,
	Ladies' w.c.	2	8	,,
	,, Lavatory	1	8	,,
			8	
Circuit No. 2	Juvenile Library	14	50	Suspension
	Lending Library	18	50	,,
	,, ,, ...	2	16	Pillar Bracket
	Librarian..	1	16	Pedestal
	Newsroom	8	50	Suspension
	Inner Newsroom	2	50	,,
	,, ,, ,, ...	2	32	Bracket
Circuit No. 3	Reference—Entrance	1	50	Bracket
	,, Section I.	12	16	,,
	,, ,, ...	1	32	,,
	,, ,, ...	8	16	Standard (4)
	,, Section II. ..	12	16	Bracket
	,, ,, ...	1	32	,,
	,, ,, ...	8	16	Standard (4)
	Issue Desk	12	16	Standard (6)
	,, ,, ...	1	25	Bracket
	Committee Room	7	16	,,
	,, ,, ...	2	16	Standard (1)
	Thomlinson Library	9	25	Suspension
	†Reference	2	16	2 Handlamps
Circuit No. 4	Lobby	1	16	Bracket
	Passage	3	16	,,
	Inner Lobby	1	16	,,
	Staircase	4	16	,,
	Lecture Hall	6	100	Suspension
	Patent Library	6	16	Bracket
	Store Room	2	16	,,
	Ante-Room	1	16	,,
	Janitor's Rooms..	3	16	Suspension
	,, Stairs	4	16	Bracket
	,, Water-Cisterns ..	1	16	Suspension
	,, ,, ...	1	25	,,
Circuit No. 5	Arc Lamp	1	2000	Brockie Pele, 15 amp.

† Wired for 4 lights but only 2 lamps required,

SUMMARY.

	No.	Candle Power.	Total Candle Power.
Entrance Hall Circuit	9	.. 50 ..	450
,, ...	14	.. 8 ..	112
Lending Circuit	42	.. 50 ..	2100
,, ...	2	.. 32 ..	64
,, ...	3	.. 16 ..	48
Reference Circuit	1	.. 50 ..	50
,, ...	2	.. 32 ..	64
,, ...	10	.. 25 ..	250
,, ...	63	.. 16 ..	1008
Lecture Hall Circuit	6	.. 100 ..	600
,, ...	1	.. 25 ..	25
,, ...	26	.. 16 ..	416
	179		5187
Arc Lamp	1	.. 2000 ..	2000
	180		7187

The Electrical Energy is distributed from a Central Station at a distance, viz.: from the works of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Electric Supply Co., at Pandon Dene. The Energy is delivered, through underground cables, at a fire-proof chamber in the front of the basement, to Transformers, where it is reduced from 2,000 volts to 100 volts pressure before it enters the building. The entrance is lighted by a Brockie Pele Arc Lamp, supplemented by Incandescent Lamps, the lighting being very effective.

The Reading Room and Lending Library are lighted by means of 50 candle power lamps suspended from the ceiling, mounted in novel plate-glass reflector fittings, which are very economical and shed a uniform cool and pleasant light throughout the rooms in question.

The Reference Library is fitted with lamps supported by brackets round the side walls, so arranged as to efficiently light yet not obstruct the shelving upon which the books are placed. For the convenience of readers, table lamps are supplied in addition throughout this section of the building. The Lecture Hall is lighted by 100 candle power lamps mounted with reflector fittings, suspended from the ceiling. The subsidiary portions of the building are fitted mainly with bracket lamps, varying in candle-power according to requirements. The reflector lamps are novel in design, and so effective that it is thought they form a model upon which the lighting of public rooms may be based with advantage.

It may be here usefully recorded that the internal management and replacement of lamps is entirely in the hands of the Librarian and his staff, and since the day the light was first used no hitch of any kind or sort has been experienced. The decay of bindings and

mural decorations has been arrested, and the comfort of those using the Library so greatly enhanced, that it is a matter of congratulation that the light has been so successfully introduced.

The light is inexpensive, as compared with other towns, the Electrical Energy being supplied 4·275 pence per unit, which gives, for a 50 c.p. lamp, a cost of rather less than ¾d. per hour.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee regret having to record the death of two of their colleagues during the year, viz. :—Mr. Alderman Thomas Pallister Barkas, F.G.S., and Mr. William Milburn Henzell.

Mr. Barkas was born on March 5th, 1819, elected a member of the City Council March 6th, 1866, and served upon the Public Libraries Committee from the first appointment of that body, until his death on July 13th, 1891. This gentleman always took a warm interest both in the formation and development of our Public Library, and was during his lifetime a regular helper of the Institution by means of donations of books, more particularly those of a scientific character. His executors have also kindly added to the stores of the Library, by placing at the disposal of the Committee 102 volumes, and a considerable number of pamphlets, collected during the lifetime of the deceased gentleman.

Mr. Henzell was born on July 2nd, 1825, at Byker Buildings (the house is still standing, but at that time it was pleasantly situated amidst green fields, overlooking the picturesque valley of the Ouseburn). He was returned a member of the Council on November 2nd, 1877, and appointed a member of the Public Libraries Committee on November 9th of the same year. He resigned his position in the Council, June 5th, 1889, and on November 9th of that year he was elected a member of the Public Libraries Committee, as a non-member of the Council, and continued to serve thereon, until his death on October 20th 1891. Mr. Henzell also took a very warm interest in the initial stages for the establishment of Public Libraries in this city, and was enrolled amongst the earliest donors to the Institution, having, in January, 1880, presented a complete set of the *Illustrated London News*, and from time to time his name frequently appears in our "Presentation Book," as having added to the stock of volumes for Public Library purposes. He was elected to the office of Vice-chairman of the Books and House Sub-Committee of the Public Libraries, in November, 1890, which office he held until his decease.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

Your Committee have had entire satisfaction in their communication with the Chief Librarian and his staff. They are convinced that no Public Library in the United Kingdom is more admirably organised or more efficiently served, and the position which it holds in the public estimation is a convincing proof of the wisdom and skill with which the Chief Librarian has performed the arduous work which devolves peculiarly upon him.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

Town Hall, June 24th, 1892.

Presented to the City Council,
July 12th, 1892.

Adopted by the City Council,
August 3rd, 1892.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1891		33,649	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th 1892:—			
By Gift	118		
By Purchase	959		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library ..	16		
		1,093	
		34,742	
Add—Volumes of works in 1 volume having been replaced by 2 or 3 volume editions		36	
		34,778	
Less—Transfers to Reference Library		4	
Total Stock in Lending Library			34,774

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1891		35,961	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1891:—			
By Gift, including "Specifications for Patents of Inventions," and other Publications of the Patent Office, the "Riddell" Library, and the "Walter Scott" Library	870		
By Purchase	1,234		
By Transfer from Lending to Reference Library	4		
		2,108	
		38,069	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works		16	
		38,053	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		8	
Total Stock in Reference Library			38,045

TOTAL STOCK.

Total Stock in both Departments from all sources:—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2,004	
By Gift, including 4,081 volumes of "Patent Specifications and Abstracts," 1,031 volumes of the "Riddell" Library, and 486 volumes of the "Walter Scott" Library		13,024	
Thomlinson Library at date of transfer	4,365		
Do. recovered since transfer.. ..	23		
Do. donations received since transfer	12		
		4,400	
By Purchase		53,363	
		72,791	
Add—Volumes of works in 1 volume having been replaced by 2 or 3 volume editions		36	
		72,827	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire and not yet replaced by other copies		8	
Total Stock			72,819

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,603	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (†4)	7,989	
C.—Science, and Natural History	3,153	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	1,467	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	1,177	
F.—Philology, and Education	526	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,539	
H.—Prose Fiction (*36)	8,608	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature..	4,850	
K.—Juvenile Literature	2,830	
	34,742	
**Add*—Volumes of works in 1 volume having been replaced by 2 or 3 volume editions	36	
	34,778	
†*Less*—4 Volumes transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library	4	
Total Stock in Lending Library	———	34,774

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,139	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (*2)	5,364	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 3) *	2,759	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities	2,703	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics	2,880	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias (* 11)	2,798	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,218	
H.—Prose Fiction	565	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature; including The Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies	9,158	
	29,584	
Publications of the Patent Office, etc. ..	4,081	
Thomlinson Library	4,400	
	38,065	
**Less*—16 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the works; and 8 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies	24	
Total Stock in Reference Library	38,041	
Add—4 Volumes transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library	4	
	———	38,045
Total Stock in both Departments		72,819

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

17,443 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

513 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

69 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

3,102 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

17 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace can be found.

22 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Staurt. Leahy's Art of Swimming in the Eton style. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, vol. 1. Mitchell's Bainbridge Holme, 2 vols. Mulock's My Mother and I. Russell's Vicar's Governess. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe. Tabor's Last of Her Line.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1891, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1892.

DATE.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1891.													
March 26th to 31st	82	149	95	63	45	37	51	1,727	241	464	2,954	3	985
April	325	1,009	573	338	173	109	262	10,964	1,243	3,012	18,008	23½	766
May	304	737	513	314	261	262	284	10,813	1,327	3,253	18,068	23	786
June*	109	376	297	170	86	102	125	4,557	488	1,315	7,625	16½	462
July*	189	698	487	236	80	47	139	6,605	903	1,749	11,133	21	530
August	220	845	576	359	104	60	189	7,762	1,094	1,998	13,207	23	574
September	245	910	577	329	113	68	228	8,493	1,120	2,322	14,405	23½	613
October	285	1,159	725	371	131	103	347	9,773	1,307	2,859	17,060	25	682
November	275	1,136	667	360	200	95	338	8,892	1,402	2,994	16,359	23	711
December	252	891	561	313	108	85	233	8,132	1,191	2,189	13,955	23½	594
1892.													
January	253	1,013	623	292	138	100	313	8,515	1.320	2,161	14,728	22	670
February..	298	1,233	806	469	247	187	356	10,052	1,589	3,216	18,453	23	802
March 1st, to 25th	296	942	708	334	206	163	332	8,741	1,352	2,585	15,659	20	783
Total Issue in each Class ..	3,133	11,098	7,208	3,948	1,892	1,418	3,197	105,026	14,577	30,117	181,614	270	673
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1·73	6.11	3·97	2·17	1·04	·78	1·76	57·83	8·03	16·58	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ..	12	41	27	15	7	5	11	389	54	112	673		
Number of Volumes in Stock..	2,603	7,985	3,153	1,467	1,177	526	1,539	8,644	4,850	2,830	34,774		
Turn Over	1·20	1·39	2·29	2·69	1·61	2·70	2·08	12·15	3·01	10·64	5·23		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1·0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 22nd, to and including July 4th, 1891, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census returns for 1891.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	TurnOver of Prose Fiction as compar-with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	517,951	3	11,039	57,225	424,160	7·41	†	340,953	†	80·38
2	Manchester	1852	505,343	6	39,326	107,811	702,803	6·52	30,790	524,726	17·04	74·66
3	Birmingham	1861	429,171	5	18,521	58,471	480,004	8·21	22,366	332,949	12·38	69·36
4	Leeds	1868	367,506	38	26,466	130,171	786,725	6·04	50,753	425,854	8·39	54·13
5	Sheffield	1856	324,243	5	14,773	83,805	346,227	4·13	20,010	224,908	11·24	64·96
6	Bristol	1876	221,665	6	18,231	82,504	609,557	7·39	18,642	345,590	18·54	56·70
7	Nottingham	1867	212,000	5	10,000	39,819	266,169	6·68	19,975	212,266	10·63	79·74
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	1880	186,345	1	10,507	34,774	181,614	5·23	8,608	105,026	12·20	57·83
9	Leicester	1871	142,051	3	9,863	26,056	291,458	11.19	9,462	167,556	17·71	57·49
10	Sunderland	1860	130,921	1	3,135	17,786	120,517	6·78	6,608*	87,292*	13 21	72·43
11	Preston	1879	107,573	1	5,000	17,394	108,883	6·26	3,811*	71,284*	18·71	65·47
12	Norwich	1857	100,964	1	3,943	14,208	98,577	6·94	4,291	71,593	16·68	72·63
13	Wolverhampton	1869	82,620	1	2,000	26,193	61,254	2·33	7,232	41,607	5·75	67·93

† These figures have not been supplied. * Includes Juvenile Literature.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 11th in Turn Over, 7th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction is, with three exceptions, lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Actress		1
Artists	1	4
Assistants, Shop		35
Bookbinders		6
Booksellers	3	
Cashier		1
Clerks		14
Cooks, and Confectioners ..	2	8
Domestic Servants		36
Dress and Mantle Makers ..	5	128
Glass and China Dealer ..	1	
Governesses	1	26
Grocers	3	3
House-Keepers..	1	22
Jewellers	2	
Knitters..		4
Laundress		1
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmaids	1	7
Lodging-House Keepers ..	11	2
Machinists	1	6
Manageresses		14
Matrons		3
Milliners	5	52
Nurses		24
Packers		2
Carried forward ..	37	399

	Citizens.	Non Citizens.
Brought forward ..	37	399
Pawnbrokers	1	2
Perfumer	1	
Plumber..	1	
Professors of Music		9
Registry Office Keepers ..	2	
Saleswomen	1	22
Scholars		133
Schoolmistresses	5	30
Seamstresses	1	2
Shade Framer		1
Shopkeepers	3	5
Stamper..		1
Students		3
Teachers	7	161
Telegraphists		3
Timber Merchant	1	
Tobacconists		2
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	1	1
Upholstresses	1	3
Waitresses		10
Warder		1
No Occupation stated.. ..	143	2,385
Total.. ..	205	3,173

MALES.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Accountants	32	23
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, etc. ..	112	59
Apprentices		242
Architects	13	14
— Naval	4	2
Artists	10	11
Asphalter	1	
Assistants, Shop	1	133
Auctioneers	5	1
Bakers and Confectioners ..	13	23
Barrister	1	
Basket and Box Makers ..	2	
Bell Hanger		1
Belt Makers	1	5
Billiard Marker		1
Block and Mast Makers ..	3	
Boat Builders	1	1
Boiler Makers	8	5
Bookbinders	6	11
Carried forward ..	213	532

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ..	213	532
Booksellers and Stationers ..	13	17
Boot and Shoe Makers, and Dealers	17	10
Bottlers	1	3
Brakesman	1	
Brass Finishers	10	15
Brewers	5	3
Bricklayers	7	6
Brokers	20	5
Brush Makers	6	3
Builders and Contractors ..	27	7
Butchers	17	25
Butlers		2
Cab Proprietors	2	
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	30	44
Call Boys		2
Caretakers and Janitors ..	2	3
Carpet Planners		3
Carried forward ..	371	680

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ..	371	680
Cartmen..	9	13
Cartwrights	2	1
Carvers and Gilders	6	13
Cashiers	24	8
Catchers..		2
Caulkers..	1	1
Checkers	3	
Chemists and Druggists ..	23	28
Clergymen and Ministers ..	17	36
Clerks	197	830
Coach Builders and Coach Painters	7	8
Coachmen and Grooms ..	3	6
Collectors	11	3
Colliery Owner..	1	
Commercial Travellers ..	41	47
Consuls and Vice-Consuls ..	1	3
Coopers	7	3
Cordwainer	1	
Cork Cutters	2	
Cutlers	2	
Cycle Maker		1
Dairymen	3	2
Dentists	1	3
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons ..	21	13
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	67	78
Draughtsmen	16	48
Drillers	6	7
Drysalters.	2	1
Dyers	2	3
Electricians	7	28
Elocutionist		1
Engine Drivers..	5	3
Engineers	85	149
Engineers, Agricultural ..	1	
Engineers, Civil	7	10
Engineers, Consulting ..	5	
Engineers, Marine	3	4
Engineers, Mechanical ..	2	
Engineers, Mining		3
Enginemen	15	1
Engravers and Embossers ..	7	5
Errand Boys		105
Farmer		1
Fellmongers	2	2
Firemen..	5	6
Fishing Tackle Makers ..	1	2
Fishmongers and Game Dealers	7	
Fitters and Turners	85	129
Foremen	15	3
French Polishers	3	4
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen	13	8
Furnaceman	1	
Furriers	7	4
Fuse Maker	1	
Gardeners	2	6
Gauger	1	
Carried forward ..	1,127	2,308

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ..	1,127	2,308
General Dealer	2	
Glass and China Dealers ..	2	
Glass Makers, Painters, and Stainers	2	5
Gold Beater	1	
Governor of H.M. Prison ..	1	
Grocers and Provision Dealers	74	68
Gun Maker		1
Hairdressers and Perfumers ..	5	24
Hatters	8	4
Hawker	1	
Horse Shoer	1	
Ice Seller	1	
Income Tax Assessor	1	
Inspectors and Superintendents	23	3
Iron Founders	5	1
Iron Roofer	1	
Ironmongers	14	18
Jewellers and Watchmakers	23	21
Joiners and Carpenters ..	68	70
Journalists	6	10
Labourers	24	56
Lamp Lighters	1	1
Law Writers		2
Lead Workers	2	
Leather Dressers and Sellers	3	3
Librarians and Library Assistants	2	10
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen	16	17
Lithographers	1	4
Lodging House Keeper ..		1
Machinists	16	31
Managers	19	30
Manufacturers	11	6
Masons	14	16
Masseur	1	
Master Mariners	9	2
Mathematical Instrument Maker	1	
Mattress Makers	2	
Mechanics	2	4
Medical Students		2
Merchants	85	14
Messengers	2	77
Metal Cleaners..		2
Metallurgist	1	
Millers	6	3
Millwrights	2	1
Miners	2	3
Moulders and Pattern Makers	29	37
Musical Instrument Dealers..	3	1
Musicians	8	13
Office Boys		43
Officer, Military		1
— Naval		1
Officers of H.M. Civil Service	6	2
Officers of H.M. Customs ..	6	11
Officers of H.M. Inland Revenue	10	6
Opticians	3	1
Overseers	1	1
Carried forward ..	1,654	2,935

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ..	1,654	2,935
Packers	2	1
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, etc.	43	43
Paper Stainers	1	5
Paviours	2	4
Pawnbrokers	5	3
Photographers	5	17
Picture Framer	1	
Plasterers	7	8
Platelayers	2	
Platers	7	8
Plumbers	18	40
Police Officers	5	2
Porters	8	21
Post-office Officials	10	11
Potters	4	5
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	48	71
Professors of Music	1	1
Quarrymen	3	1
Quay Master	1	
Railway Employees	25	25
Registrars	2	
Relieving Officers	3	
Restaurant Keepers	2	2
Rivetters	2	4
Rope Maker		1
Saddlers..	2	4
Sailmakers	3	2
Sailors	5	1
Salesmen	9	21
Sausage Maker..	1	
Sawyers	2	2
Scholars..		660
School Board Officers.. ..	2	2
School Masters..	21	32
Sculptor..	1	
Secretaries	7	4
Shipbuilders	3	
Ship Chandler	1	
Ship Owners	3	
Shipwrights	6	5
Shopkeepers	3	3
Shorthand Writers	1	5
Slaters	3	2
Smiths	28	40
Soap Boiler	1	
Soldiers	2	2
Solicitors	26	6
Carried forward ..	1,991	3,999

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.
Brought forward ..	1,991	3,999
Spade and Shovel Maker ..	1	
Spinner	1	
Steel Melters		2
Stevedore		1
Store Keepers	4	6
Strikers		6
Students		80
Surveyors	6	9
Sweeps	2	
Tailors and Cutters	35	35
Tanner	1	
Teachers	15	97
Telegraphists	9	44
Ticket Writers		2
Timber Measurer	1	
Timekeepers	6	3
Tin-plate Workers	3	
Tobacconists	8	11
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers..	3	4
Treasurer, City..	1	
Tripe Preparer	1	
Tuner	1	
Umbrella Makers		2
Underwriter	1	
Vergers	3	1
Veterinary Surgeons	3	1
Waiters	3	5
Warders	2	3
Warehousemen	25	37
Watchmen	1	2
Watermen	3	3
Weaver	1	
Wharfingers	2	1
Wheelwright	1	
Wherry Owner	1	
Wherryman	1	
Window-Blind Maker.. ..	1	
Wire-Workers	2	
Yeast Dealer	1	
No Occupation stated.. ..	69	562
Total Males	2,209	4,920
Total Females	205	3,173
	2,414	8,093
	10,507	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males.	Females.
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	1,195	397
From 15 to 20	1,792	855
From 21 to 30	1,303	834
From 31 to 40	319	288
Carried forward ..	4,609	2,374

	Males.	Females.
Brought forward ..	4,609	2,374
From 41 to 50	105	140
From 51 to 60	52	65
From 61 to 80	32	34
Ages not stated	122	560
Total	4,920	3,173
	8,093.	

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
St. Nicholas'	39	92	131
St. John's	42	107	149
All Saints' West ..	68	64	132
All Saints' East ..	87	352	439
All Saints' North ..	226	794	1,020
St. Andrew's South ..	80	229	309
St. Andrew's North ..	178	855	1,033
Westgate South ..	93	383	476
Westgate North ..	113	341	454
Carried forward ..	926	3,217	4,143

	Citizens.	Non-Citizens.	Total.
Brought forward ..	926	3,217	4,143
Arthur's Hill	410	1,120	1,530
Elswick North	213	903	1,116
Elswick South	112	327	439
Elswick East	106	422	528
Jesmond	139	625	764
Heaton	328	1,057	1,385
Byker	154	422	576
Non-Resident Freemen	26	—	26
Total.. ..	2,414	8,093	10,507

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1892, the Number of Open Days, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, the Class Percentage of Issue, the Number of Volumes in Stock, and the Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1891.														
March 26th, to 31st	5	45	75	56	48	41	7	5	38	50	107	477	3	159
April	146	344	502	825	518	473	83	47	452	286	591	4,267	26	164
May	156	337	388	556	432	418	130	14	354	388	608	3,781	25	151
June*	65	193	247	410	329	281	38	10	319	301	384	2,577	18	143
July*	90	261	358	667	346	1,054	125	28	510	369	197	4,005	23	174
August	117	395	429	857	581	913	84	29	666	293	209	4,573	25	185
September	160	454	378	925	697	530	113	22	647	311	325	4,562	26	175
October	101	448	429	1,077	584	655	118	21	829	420	539	5,221	27	193
November	73	532	411	1,183	659	615	88	10	625	386	451	5,033	25	202
December	98	250	362	846	434	578	76	7	694	416	73	3,834	25	153
1892.														
January	177	256	413	804	539	536	69	10	713	312	71	3,900	24	163
February	185	473	793	603	878	738	170	8	593	426	754	5,621	25	225
March 1st, to 25th	112	254	647	644	824	577	112	8	567	461	244	4,450	22	202
Total Issue in each Class ..	1,485	4,242	5,432	9,453	6,869	7,409	1,213	219	7,007	4,419	4,553	52,301	294	178
Class Percentage of entire Issue.	2·84	8·11	10·39	18·07	13·13	14·17	2·32	0·42	13·39	8·45	8·71	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	5	14	19	32	23	25	4	1	24	15	16	178	..	..
Number of Volumes in Stock ..	2,139	5,364	2,751	2,703	2,880	2,787	1,218	565	9,157	4,400	4,081	38,045	..	..
Turn Over	0·69	0·79	1·97	3·49	2·39	2·66	0 99	0·39	0 77	1·03	1·08	1·37	..	..

* Library closed from June 22nd, to and including July 4th, 1891, for Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, &c.

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted
Accountants	45	310
Actors and Actresses ..	19	162
Agents	368	2,060
Analysts	45	441
Apprentices	28	43
Architects	131	630
— Naval	21	79
Artists	133	706
Assistants, Shop	15	50
Auctioneers	2	3
Bailiff	1	1
Bakers and Confectioners ..	6	22
Bankers	227	898
Beltmakers	4	8
Billposter	1	2
Blacksmiths	7	16
Boilersmiths	14	193
Bookbinders	10	31
Booksellers and Stationers ..	65	456
Boot and Shoe Makers ..	23	53
Brassworkers	12	57
Bricklayers	9	47
Brokers	10	38
Brushmakers	2	5
Builders and Contractors ..	24	55
Butchers	6	10
Cabinet Makers & Upholsterers	42	155
Canvasser and Collector ..	1	21
Cartmen	3	15
Carvers and Gilders	46	175
Cashiers	12	28
Checkers	2	3
Chemists and Druggists ..	194	617
Clergymen and Ministers ..	284	1,168
Clerks and Book-keepers ..	1,162	2,875
Clerk of Works	1	1
Coach Builders & Coach Painters	12	42
Coal Owner	1	2
Commercial Travellers ..	230	501
Consuls and Vice-Consuls ..	5	52
Cooper	1	1
Coppersmiths	5	9
Curriers and Tanners ..	18	39
Cutler	1	1
Dentists	10	22
Designers and Carpet Planners	36	72
Drapers	113	747
Draughtsmen	244	908
Dressmaker	1	1
Drillers	4	5
Elocutionists	5	19
Engineers	901	2,375
— Civil	58	200
— Electrical	73	105
Carried forward ..	4,693	16,535

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ..	4,693	16,535
Engineers, Marine	10	47
— Mechanical	8	11
— Mining	5	15
Engravers	17	60
Farmers	15	52
Filecutter	1	1
Fireman	1	2
Fishmonger	1	2
Fitters and Turners	231	436
Foremen	8	33
Fruiterer and Seedsman ..	1	1
Gardeners	9	20
Gas Stoker	1	17
Genealogists	82	463
General Dealers	34	40
Glass Cutters	2	4
Glass Painters and Stainers	8	81
Grocers and Provision Dealers	122	222
Groom	1	3
Hairdressers	15	26
Hatters	3	9
Hawkers	2	5
Inspectors and Superintendents	35	90
Ironfounders	9	47
Ironmongers	37	178
Jewellers and Watchmakers	52	197
Joiners and Carpenters ..	107	280
Journalists and Reporters ..	185	865
Labourers	46	121
Lecturers	34	294
Librarians & Library Assistants	77	281
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen	8	32
Lithographers	15	136
Machinists	28	157
Managers	34	128
Manufacturers	28	93
Masons	10	25
Mechanics	33	92
Medical Students	66	284
Merchants	58	470
Messengers	2	3
Miller	1	1
Millwright	1	1
Miners	26	119
Missionaries and Evangelists	19	82
Moulders and Pattern Makers	63	223
Musicians	37	146
Nurses	2	2
Officers, Army	8	44
— Naval	28	73
— of H.M. Customs	16	23
— of H.M. Inland Revenue	34	122
Opticians	6	15
Carried forward ..	6,375	22,709

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ..	6,375	22,709
Painters and Decorators ..	60	147
Paperhangers & Paperstainers	3	3
Photographers	14	15
Plasterer	1	1
Platers	5	7
Plumbers	29	53
Policemen	2	39
Polisher	1	1
Porters	5	9
Post Office Officials	2	3
Printers and Compositors ..	72	126
Professor of Music	1	1
Railway Officials	5	7
Rivetters	2	3
Saddler..	1	4
Sailmaker	1	1
Sailors	23	43
Salesmen	9	14
Sawyers	2	4
School Attendance Officers ..	7	87
Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses	156	968
Sculptors	5	35
Secretaries	30	54
Shipwrights	25	51
Shorthand Writers	27	87
Sinkmakers	2	4
Carried forward ..	6,865	24,476

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ..	6,865	24,476
Slaters	2	3
Smiths	9	26
Soldiers	4	11
Solicitors	85	131
Store and Time-keepers ..	4	7
Students	472	1,265
Surgeons, Doctors, etc. ..	96	460
— Veterinary	6	10
Surveyors	33	61
Tailors and Cutters	68	255
Teachers	587	2,645
Telegraphists	19	25
Ticket Writer	1	2
Tinsmiths	4	4
Tobacconists	2	2
Underwriters	2	3
Warders	7	40
Warehousemen	17	52
Weavers	2	5
Weighmen	10	16
Whitesmiths	4	4
Wireworkers	2	2
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library ..	104	4,419
No Occupation stated ..	4,096	18,377
Total	12,501	52,301

TABLE XI.

SHOWING THE AGES OF PERSONS USING THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	1,570	4,700
From 21 to 30	3,055	8,910
From 31 to 40	1,310	3,658
From 41 to 50	557	1,948
From 51 to 60	199	949
Carried forward..	6,691	20,165

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward..	6,691	20,165
From 61 to 80	160	899
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library ..	104	4,419
Ages not stated	5,546	26,818
Total ..	12,501	52,301

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Glasgow, Stirling	..	1
Halifax, Public	..	2
Handsworth, Public	..	1
Hanley, Public Free	..	1
Hull, Eastern, James Reckitt Public	..	1
Leamington Spa	..	1
Leeds, Public Free	..	1
Leek, Nicholson Institute ..	..	1
Leicester, Free Public	..	1
Liverpool, Free Public	..	1
London :—		
Bank of England	..	1
Battersea, Public	..	1
Bermondsey, Public	1	1
British Museum	8	21
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Manchester, Public Free..	..	1
Middlesbrough, Free	..	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Literary and Philosophical Society	..	2
Newport, Free Public	..	1
Northwich, Brunner Free Public	..	1
Nottingham, Free Public	..	2
Oxford, Bodleian	..	1
Oxford, Radcliffe	..	1
Plymouth, Free Public	..	1
Portsmouth, Free Public..	..	1
Preston, Free Public	..	2
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Rotherham, Free Public..	..	1
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Sheffield, Free Public	..	1
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Tonbridge, Public Free	..	1
Twickenham, Free Public	..	1
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Walsall, Free	..	1
Warrington	..	1
Wednesbury, Public	..	1
West Bromwich, Free	..	1
Wigan, Free Public	..	2
Wimbledon, Free Public..	..	1
Wolverhampton, Free	..	1
Yarmouth, Free	..	1
Liverpool, University College, Council of	1	..
London Anti-Vivisection Society..	..	1
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Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg, Canada ..	..	3
Menzies & Co. (Messrs. John) Edinburgh	1	..
Merz (John Theodore, Ph. D., D.C.L.) Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	265	..
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Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, Newcastle-upon-Tyne..	..	1
Northumberland County Council, The	1	2
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Dr.		£	s.	d.	Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1892. Mar. 26.	To Balance to next year				691	2	0	1891. Mar. 26.	By Balance from last year			217	4	5
								1892. Mar. 25.	,, Newcastle Electric Supply Co., on account Installation of Electric Light	450	0	0		
									,, A. W. Heaviside, Consulting Engineer, fee *re* Electric Light Installation	21	0	0		
									,, Local Government Board, Cost of Enquiry *re* Electric Light Installation	2	7	7		
									,, Advertising do.		10	0		
													473	17
LOANS.		£	s.	d.										
Outstanding at 25th March, 1892 ..		23,386	0	0	£691	2	0						£691	2	0

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1891. Mar. 26.	To Balance from last year ..				2,561	6	4	1892. Mar. 25.	By Interest on Money Borrowed, Dividends on Stock, and Redemption of Loans				863	14	5
1892. Mar. 25.	,, Amount of Rate received ..				3,257	1	0		,, Salaries	918	18	10			
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	,, Juvenile Catalogues Sold ..	4	18	0					,, Librarian's Disbursements ..	16	19	4			
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	,, Fines and Damages.. ..	133	9	9					,, Printing, Stationery, &c. ..	70	17	3			
	,, Sundries	13	5	10					,, Gas, Water, Coals, Insurance ..	189	9	8			
					191	19	7		,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, etc.	92	9	1			
	,, Amount transferred *re* Technical Instruction Fund ..				20	0	0						2,320	12	9
									,, Balance to next year				2,845	19	9
27th June, 1892.					£6,030	6	11						£6,030	6	11

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I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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SECOND ALPHABETICAL LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS, 1892. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. Twopence each.

LIST OF BOOKS IN EMBOSSED TYPE FOR THE USE OF THE BLIND, 1887. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. One Penny each.

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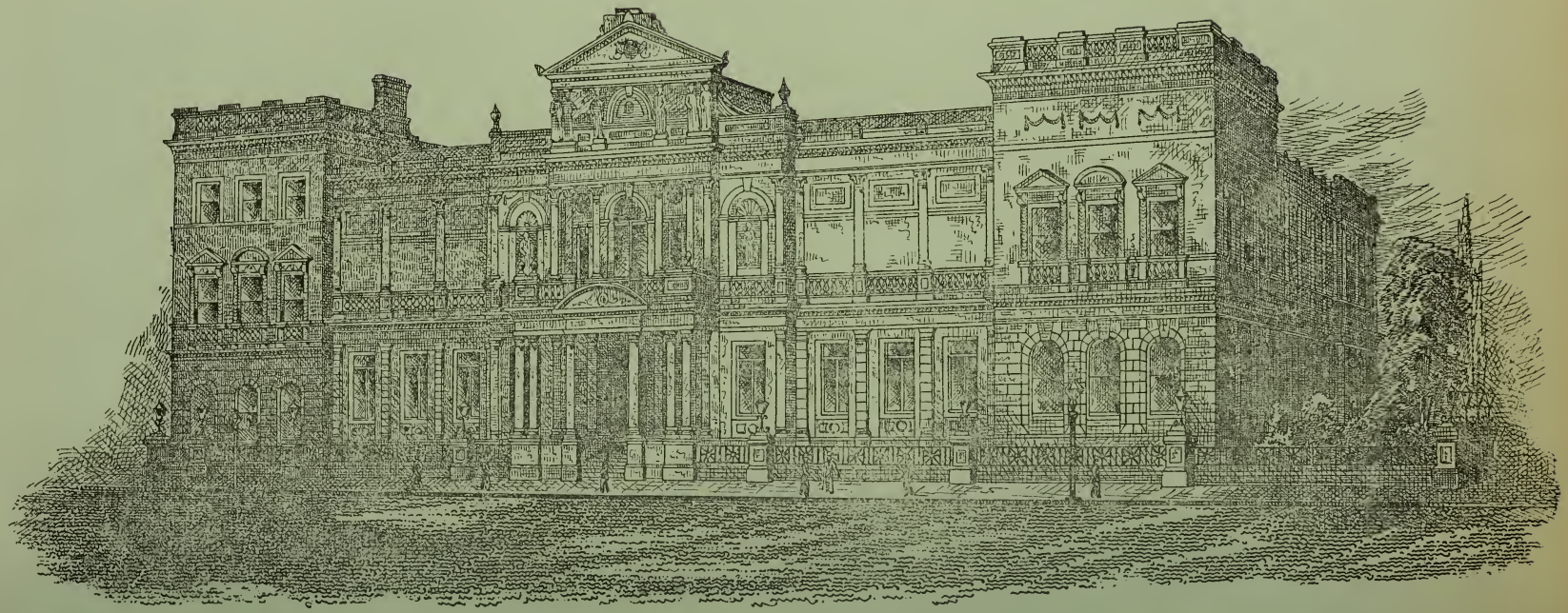

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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1892-93.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Committee have great pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Public Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1893.

There has been an increase in the number of books issued from the Lending Library for purposes of home reading, amounting to 5,031 volumes, as compared with the issue for the previous year, and during the same period, the issue in the Reference Library (including the Thomlinson Library) has increased by 3,835 volumes, making a total increase of 8,866 volumes, while during the same time the percentage of issues in Prose Fiction, from the Lending Library, as compared with the total issues, has fallen 1.58.

The gross number of registered Readers having Tickets for the Lending Libraries on March 25th, 1893, amounted to 11,188, and was divided as follows:—Citizens, 2,467; Non-Citizens, 8,721; being an increase on the previous return of 681.

The total number of volumes in all departments of the Libraries, amounts to 80,830, being an increase of 8,011 during the year.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.

This section of the Libraries was open to the public on 270 days, and the total issue of books amounted to 186,645 volumes, an increase (as already stated) of 5,031. The entire issue from this department of the Libraries, since its opening on September 13th, 1880, has reached 2,835,548 volumes. 1,479 volumes have been added to the adult and juvenile sections of this part of the Libraries, making the total stock on March 25th, 1893, 36,253, or an increase of 16,184 volumes in twelve-and-a-half years.

The class and character of the books added to this department during the past year may be judged of by the following lists, viz.:—

Theological and Philosophical:—Bampton Lectures (Barry's Lights of Science on the Faith). Baring-Gould's Origin and Development of Religious Belief. Barrow's Regni Evangelium. By-paths of Bible Knowledge (Wood's Modern Discoveries at Ancient Ephesus, etc.). Catholic Truth Society's Publications, 16 vols. Charles' Martyrs and Saints of the first Twelve Centuries. Jones' Introduction to General Logic. MacDonald's Hope of the Gospel. Muirhead's Elements of Ethics. Newman's Two Essays on Miracles. Non-Christian Religious Systems (Berry's Christianity and Buddhism). Preachers of the Age (The Gospel of Work). Sidgwick's Distinction and Criticism of Belief. Ziehen's Physiological Psychology.

Biographical, Geographical, and Historical:—American Commonwealth Series (Robinson's Vermont). Arnold's Japonica. Blavatsky's Caves and Jungles of Hindostan. Bonsal's Morocco as it is. Calendars of State Papers (East Indies and Persia). Cambridge Historical Essays (Hibbert's English Gilds). Casati's Ten Years in Equatoria. De Quincey's Memorials. Dodge's Great Captains. English Men of Letters (Carlyle). Felbermann's Hungary. Glave's Six Years in Congo Land. Grote's Life. Heroes of the Nations (Wyclif). Leaders in Science (Agassiz). Lecky's Histories of England, and Ireland. Malleson's Refounding of the German Empire. Moltke's Life and Character. Nansen's First Crossing of Greenland. National Churches (Ireland). Newman's Anglican Career. Praeger's Wagner as I knew him. Prime Ministers of Queen Victoria (Derby). Rulers of India (Lord Lawrence). Scott's Journals. Story of the Nations (Poland). Symonds' Renaissance in Italy: the Catholic Reaction. Vincent's Newfoundland to Cochin China. Washington's Itinerary. World's Great Explorers (Columbus).

Science and Natural History:—Ball's Mathematical Recreations. Contemporary Science Series (Public Health; Property: its Origin, etc., and Volcanoes). Events of our Own Time (Achievements in Engineering, and Development of Navies). Fisher's Rod and River. Grimshaw's Scientific Progress. Hole's Book about the Garden. International Scientific Series (Man and the Glacial Period). Introductory Science Text-Books (Elementary Biology). Lodge's Pioneers of Science. Longman's Text-Books of Science (Metals, and Quantitative Analysis). Lubbock's Beauties of Nature. Lydekker's Phases of Animal Life. Macmillan's Manuals for Students (Bacteria; Compounds of Carbon Gas Analysis, etc.) Murray's University Extension Manuals (Studies of Animal Life). Nature Series (Experimental Evolution).

Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities:—Andrews' Bygone Leicestershire. Baring-Gould's Old Country Life, and Strange Survivals. Dunn's Art of Singing. Dyer's Church Lore Gleanings. Freeman's Church of Wells. Hadow's Studies in Modern Music. Hueffer's Musical Studies. Lefroy's Ruined Abbeys of Yorkshire. Masson's Edinburgh Sketches and Memories. Matthew's Popular History of Music. Popular County Histories (Hampshire, and The Isle of Wight). Poynter's Text-Books of Art Education (Water Colour Painting). Prout's Works (Counterpoint and Canon; Harmony; Fugue, etc). Ross' Bygone London. Rowney's Art Manuals (Hareux's Painting in Oil, etc.). Smith's Greek and Roman Antiquities.

Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics:—Booth's Life and Labour of the People, and Pauperism and Endowment of Old Age. Carpenter's Towards Democracy. Lanin's Russian Characteristics. Lloyd's Ireland under the Land League. Social Science Series (Socialism: Utopian and Scientific; Land Nationalisation: its Necessity and its Aims; The Ethic of Usury and Interest: a Study in Inorganic Socialism). Social Questions of To-Day (Land Nationalisation; A Shorter Working Day; Problems of Poverty: an Inquiry into the Industrial Condition of the Poor). University Extension Series (Air and Water; English Social Reformers, and English Trade and Finance).

Philology and Education:—Collins' Illustrations of Tennyson. Great Educators (Alcuin; Aristotle, and Loyola). Lang's Essays in little. Morley's English Writers (From Surrey to Spenser; and Spenser and his Time). Ritchie's Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning. Spiers' French and English Dictionary. Webb's Indian Medical Service.

Poetry and the Drama:—Bohn's Collegiate Library (Goethe's Faust; translated by Hayward). Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads. Lytton's Marah. Meredith's Poems. Morris (Lewis) Gycia. Morris (William) Poems by the Way. Scott (Clement) Thirty Years at the Play. Shakespeare's Dramatic Works; edited by Rolfe and Wright. Swinburne's The Sisters: a Tragedy. Tennyson's The Foresters: Robin Hood and Maid Marian. Whitman's Poems; selected by Rhys.

Prose Fiction:—New publications of the following writers have been added during the year, viz.:—Allen, Baring-Gould, Barrie, Besant, Black, Braddon, Broughton, Buchanan, Caine, Clemens (*Mark Twain*), *Corelli*, Couch, Crawford, Doyle, Edwards, Farrar, Fenn, Guthrie, Haggard, Hamerton, Hardy, Harte, Houstoun, Hungerford, Kipling, Macquoid, Marryat (Florence), Meade, Meredith, Nisbet, Oliphant, Philips, Praed, Russell (William Clark), Sims, Smart, Stannard (*John Strange Winter*), Swan, Verne, Walford, Warden, and Westall.

Technical Education and Instruction:—Adams' Handbook for Mechanical Engineers. Advanced Building Construction. Bemrose's Manual of Woodcarving. Brown's Manual of Assaying. Clark's Mechanical Engineer's Pocket Book. Clarke's Plumbing Practice. Cooke's Laboratory Practice. Cumming's Theory of Electricity. Goodeve's The Steam-Engine. Greenwell's Glossary of Coal Trade Terms. Greenwood's Manual of Metallurgy. Grimshaw's Engine Runner's Catechism. Halliday's Mechanical Graphics. Hurst's Formulæ, etc., for Architectural Surveyors. Jamieson's Applied Mechanics. Jamieson and Munro's Electrical Rules and Tables. Johnson's How Crops Feed, and How Crops Grow. Kempe's Electrical Engineer's Pocket Book. Leaper's Principles of Photography. Leland's Leather Work. Longman's Elementary Science Manuals (Elementary Agriculture, and School Trigonometry). Mayhew's Horse Doctor. Phillips' Fuels. Power's Pocket Book for Miners and Metallurgists. Roper's Steam Boilers. Spon's Workshop Receipts, *Fifth Series*. Standage's Practical Polish Maker. Stephens' Book of the Farm, 2 Vols. Sutton's Permanent and Temporary Pastures. Thurston's Stationary Steam Engines. Waring's Elements of Agriculture. Weale's Rudimentary Series (Coal and Coal Mining, 7th Edition). Wright's Fallow and Fodder Crops. Specialists' Series (Lightning Conductors, etc.).

At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1892, 4 volumes were reported by the Librarian as missing, viz.:—Hellyer's The Plumber and

Sanitary Houses; Paul Arnold (Chambers's Juvenile Library); Payn's The Burnt Million, and Scott's Tom Cringle's Log; of these the first and third have since been found, thus the total loss in the Lending Libraries during twelve and-a-half years, and with a circulation of nearly 3,000,000 volumes, has only been 24. For List *see* page 17.

300 volumes were during the year, withdrawn from circulation. 3,402 volumes have been so dealt with since the opening in 1880, having been found to be so worn, damaged, or imperfect as to require to be replaced by new or good sound second-hand copies. During the whole of the period referred to, the Committee have kept steadily in view the desirability of replacing these worn out books, as copies on reasonable terms might be secured from second-hand booksellers; or, when newer and cheaper editions had been published by the trade, our own booksellers have been entrusted with the Lists for replacement. 509 volumes have been bound or re-bound during the year, in addition to a large number which have been repaired on the premises by members of the Library staff.

THE JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The total stock in this department of the Lending Libraries was found on March 25th, 1893, to have reached 2,925 volumes, being an addition of 95 volumes during the year; or, a gross addition to stock of 1,953 volumes since the commencement in 1880. At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1892, only 1 volume was found to be missing in this section, viz.:—Paul Arnold (Chambers's Juvenile Library), so that during the twelve and-a-half years this Library has been open to Juvenile Readers, only 3 volumes have been actually lost, and this with an issue in the same period amounting to 414 461 volumes. The issue in this department during the past year has reached 29,949 volumes, being a decrease of only 168 volumes, as compared with a decrease of 6,511 during 1891-92.

The new issues of the following popular writers for juvenile readers have been added to this department during the year, viz.:—Atkinson's Walks and Talks with Two Schoolboys, and Scenes from Fairyland. Ballantyne's Hunted and Harried, and the Hot Swamp. Baring-Gould's Grettir the Outlaw. Clarke's Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines. Collingwood's The Doctor of the "Juliet." Everett-Green's Pair of Pickles. Fenn's Dingo Boys. Friswell's Out and About. Henty's Beric the Briton. Hueffer's The Feather. Ingelow's Studies

for Stories, and Stories told to a Child. Molesworth's Enchanted Garden, and Stories of the Saints. Moncrieff's (*Ascot R. Hope*) Romance of the Forest, and Stories. O'Grady's Finn and his Companions. Stables' Our Humble Friends, and Born to Command. Stebbing's Real Hero. Stuart's Through the Flood, and The Vicar's Trio. Tales from the Mabinogion; edited by Williams. The Young Collector's Handbooks (Book Collecting, and Postage Stamps).

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PATENTS OF INVENTIONS.

These Government Publications have not been so much used by Patentees and others interested in them as the new arrangements entered into by the Commissioners of Patents and your Committee last year would have led us to hope. Your Committee ordered 150 cloth-covered cardboard boxes for the individual Specifications, which have been regularly sent to us as issued by the Patent Office, instead of our having, as heretofore, to wait sometimes fifteen or eighteen months before the bound volume or volumes reached Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The entire stock of volumes contained in this department now amounts to 4,219, being an increase of 138 during the year. The issue during the same period only amounted to 3,303 volumes, showing a decrease of 1,250.

THE NEWS-ROOM.

This section of the Libraries is now regularly supplied with 30 daily, 92 weekly or bi-weekly, 114 monthly or bi-monthly, and 16 quarterly Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews, etc. For List *see* pages 27-29.

The number of separate visits paid to this room during the year, on the 295 days upon which it was open to the public, was 777,768, being a daily average of 2,601 visitors, or an increase of 138,967 on the year. The total number of visits paid to the News-Room on week-days, since its opening in 1882 (ten and-a-half years), has been 6,218,863.

This room was also open to the public on 48 Sundays during the year (between the hours of 2 and 9 o'clock p.m.), and was visited by 27,748 persons, giving a daily average of 578; this shows a decrease of 3,610 as compared with last year. The gross number of visits paid to this room since Sunday Opening was instituted in October, 1883 (nine and-a-half years), has been 319,390.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The entire stock of volumes contained in this department now amounts to 44,577, being an increase of 6,532 on the year. The issue (including the Thomlinson Library) has reached 56,136 volumes, or an increase of 3,835 volumes consulted in this room.

During the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1892, not one single volume or pamphlet was unaccounted for, thus making only 3 Volumes lost in this department since the opening by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., in August, 1884.

During the year the Committee received from the City Council a grant of £150, part of the money received by them out of the "Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890," and as there is a probability that the grant will be annual, they began at once a special department of the Reference Library, in which the latest and most expensive works dealing with Technical Education should be available for reference. The following list represents the more important works which have been already secured, viz.:—Arlidge's Diseases of Occupations. Audsley's Practical Decorator. Baker's Masonry Construction. Baldwin's Hot Water Heating and Steam Heating, 2 vols. Ball's Atlas of Astronomy. Beaumont's Colour in Woven Design. Berthelot's Explosives. Blair's Analysis of Iron. Bodmer's Hydraulic Motors. Box's Strength of Materials. Brothers' Photography. Burr's Materials of Engineering, and Stresses in Bridges, 2 vols. Byrne's Highway Construction. Carpenter's Experimental Engineering. Carpenter's The Microscope. Chrystal's Algebra. Church's Mechanics of Engineering. Clerke's History of Astronomy, and System of the Stars, 2 vols. Coleman's Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs. Crehore's Mechanics of the Girder. Crimp's Sewage Disposal Works. Dana's Mineralogy. De Baye's Industrial Arts of the Anglo-Saxons. Edwards' Differential Calculus. Egleston's Metallurgy of Silver, Gold, and Mercury. Endlich's Blow Pipe Analysis. Fleming's Alternate-Current Transformer. Flower and Lyddekker's Mammals. Foley's Mechanical Engineer's Reference Book. Gordon's Electricity and Magnetism. Gore's The Visible Universe. Gray's Absolute Measurements in Electricity. Guttmann's Blasting. Hatfield's House Carpenter. Haviland's Geographical Distribution of Disease. Heath's Geometrical Optics. Hobson's Plane Trigonometry. Hofman's Metallurgy of Lead. Howe's Metallurgy of Steel, vol. 1. Howes' Atlas of Practical Biology. Hughes' Coal Mining. Ihlseng's Mining. Jackson's Survey Practice. Johnson's

Surveying. Kirkaldy's Mechanical Testing. Knight's The Mechanician. Lanza's Applied Mechanics. Lubbock's Seedlings. MacCord's Kinematics. Maisey's Sanchi and its Remains. Maxwell's Electricity and Magnetism. Mayhew's The Horse Doctor. Merrill's Stones for Building. Meyer's Locomotive Construction. Nicholson's Zoology. Nietzki's Organic Dyestuffs. Pamely's Colliery Manager's Handbook. Peabody's Thermodynamics of the Steam Engine. Peters' Copper Smelting. Remsen's Inorganic Chemistry, Richter's Organic Chemistry. Robinson's Gas and Petroleum Engines. Sadtler's Organic Chemistry. Sawer's Odorographia. Schauermann's Ornament. Sprague's Electricity. Steam-Heating Problems. Stebler and Schröter's Forage Plants. Stephens' Book of the Farm, 3 vols. Stephenson and Murphy's Hygiene, vol. 1. Sutton's Pastures. Thompson's Electricity and Magnetism, and The Electromagnet, 2 vols. Thurston's Engine and Boiler Trials; Friction and Lost Work in Machinery; Materials of Construction; Materials of Engineering, and the Steam Engine, 8 vols. Van Heurck's The Microscope. Vilmorin-Andrieux's The Vegetable Garden. Wedding's Basic Bessemer Process.

During the year this department, at the request of H.M. Emigrants' Information Office, and with the consent of the Public Libraries Committee, has been used as a branch of that office, and the information supplied during the six months ended March 25th, 1893, has been found by intending emigrants to be trustworthy and valuable.

The following List represents the more important and costly works which have been added to the Reference Library, by purchase or gift, during the year, viz.:—Acta Mathematica, complete set to date, 16 vols., demy 4to. The Antiquary, complete to A.D. 1889, 20 vols., demy 4to. Baines' Yorkshire, 4 vols., demy 4to. Bent's Mashonaland. Bernheim's Suggestive Therapeutics. Besant's London. Bowes' Japanese Pottery, demy 4to. Boyle's The County of Durham (large paper copy). Burke's Extinct Peerage, royal 8vo. Burton's Highlands of Brazil, 2 vols.; Ultima Thule, 2 vols., and Burton's Life. By Hitchman, 2 vols. Busby's Costumes of Hartlepool, royal 8vo. Catlin's American Indians, 2 vols., imp. 8vo. Clark's Railway Machinery, 2 vols., royal 4to., and The Steam Engine, 4 vols., imp. 8vo. Cooley's Practical Receipts; edited by North, *7th edition*, 2 vols., royal 8vo. Coplestone's Buddhism. Cotterill's Applied Mechanics, *3rd edition*. Curzon's Persia, 2 vols. De Hooghe's Hieroglyphica, royal 4to. Dictionary of National Biography; edited by Lee, vols. 30-33. Dunkin's Memorial Brasses, demy 4to. Fairbain's Crests,

new edition, 2 vols., imp. 8vo. Falkener's Games. Farrar's Lives of the Fathers, 2 vols. Farrow's Military Cyclopædia, 3 vols., demy 4to. Foster's Alumni Oxonienses, A.D. 1500-1886, 8 vols., royal 8vo. Grigg's Armorial China, crown folio. Hamerton's Landscape, royal 4to., and Man in Art, royal 4to., 2 vols. Harper's The Brighton Road. Hazlitt's Livery Companies of London, demy 4to. Hertwig's Embryology. Hunt's Mineralogy. Hutton's Steam Boilers, and Works' Manager's Handbook, 2 vols. Jewers' Wells Cathedral, demy 4to. Journal des Savants, complete set to date, 77 vols. Lilly's The Great Enigma. Litchfield's History of Furniture, demy 4to. Macpherson's Fauna of Lakeland. Mason's Costumes of China, f'cp. folio. Moore's British Wild Flowers. Murray's Greek Archæology. Le Musée Français, 4 vols., atlas folio, half-russia; with engraved locks. Nansen's First Crossing of Greenland, 2 vols. Owen's Anatomy of the Vertebrates, 3 vols. Nisbet's Heraldic Plates, royal 4to. Parker's Australasian History, 2 vols. Pastor's History of the Popes, vols. 1-2. Pennell's Pen and Ink Drawing, royal 4to. Philological Society's Proceedings, Transactions, etc., 22 vols. Quain's Anatomy, *10th edition*, 3 vols. The Riverside Natural History; edited by Kingsley, 6 vols., demy 4to. Robinson's The Flower Garden. Royal Society Catalogue of Scientific Papers, vol. 9; Philosophical Transactions, vol. 182, and Proceedings for A.D. 1892. Ruskin's Poetry of Architecture, demy 4to. Russell's Epidemics. Scientific American Cyclopædia of Receipts. William Bell Scott's Autobiography, 2 vols. Seyffert's Dictionary of Classical Antiquities; edited by Nettleship, demy 4to. Sharpe's Birds in Nature, royal 4to. Shelley Concordance. By Ellis, cr. 4to. Siborne's Waterloo Letters. Sladen's The Japs at Home. Spon's Workshop Receipts, *Fifth Series*. Stephens' Orators of the French Revolution, 2 vols. Stodart's Scottish Arms, 2 vols., f'cp. folio. Stratmann's Middle-English Dictionary, cr. 4to. Talleyrand's Memoirs, 5 vols. Thornton's Sporting Tour. Tristram's Coaching Days. Uhde's Baudenkmaeler in Spanien und Portugal, 2 vols., f'cp. folio. Vaughan's New Readings of Shakespeare's Tragedies, 3 vols. Vinogradoff's Villainage in England. Walker's Costumes of Yorkshire, f'cp. folio. Sir William Wallace's Acts and Deeds, Black Letter, cr. 4to. West's Simboleography, 2 vols., demy 4to. Williams' Brahmanism. Wilson's History of New York City, vols. 1-2, royal 4to. Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses; edited by Bliss, 5 vols., royal 4to. Wordsworth's Poetical Works; edited by Knight, 11 vols. Wyatt's Phosphates of America, royal 8vo.

The following eight volumes are still required to replace the Reference Library in the same condition as to stock, as it was in prior to the disastrous fire of November, 1884, viz. :—Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813. Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur"; edited by Hind, 4to., 1844. Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 vols., post 8vo., 1863. Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur", 2 vols., 4to., 1844, and Guarino's Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671.

The progress of the work of continuing the Cataloguing of this Collection of books was materially expedited during the latter portion of the year, after the Thomlinson Library Catalogue had been completed.

THE GIBSONE CONCHES.

This invaluable collection of conchological drawings is being daily exhibited in the specially prepared dust-proof frames on two of the tables at the west end of the Reference Library. The contents of the frames are being periodically changed, and thus the entire collection will ultimately have been placed at the service of the public. It is pleasing to record the fact that they are much used by frequenters of this room.

THE THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The work of cataloguing this special collection of books and tracts is now completed. They have been re-bound, and after careful collation, are found to number 8,267 volumes, contained in 4,841. Your Committee are glad to make known the fact that this Library is now ready for reference purposes, and that the books may be consulted on any lawful day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The number of cards used in the compilation of the Catalogue of this Library exceeded 60,000.

CONFERENCES.

The Forty-fourth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at Morpeth, on September 8th, 1892, James Joicey, Esq., M.P., presiding. The President delivered an interesting opening address, and then followed the Report of the Union Council, the Reports of the Delegates were next received, Mr. Councillor Flowers giving the particulars as far as they affected the Newcastle Public Libraries.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Library Association was held at Paris on September 12-15, 1892, in the Salle de l' Hémicycle of the École des Beaux-Arts, under the presidency of Professor Beljame of the Sorbonne. Visits were made to the principal Public Libraries, including the Bibliothèque Nationale, Bibliothèque Mazarine, Bibliothèque Forney, Musée Carnavalet, Bibliothèque de l' Arsenal, etc. Papers were read on the following subjects, viz. :—Our present method of Cloth Binding. The Public Libraries of Manchester. French Artists and English Bookbinders. Remainders. Use of Wood-Engraving in Old Venetian Books. Reports on Lectures in connection with Public Libraries. English Educational Legislation, particularly in relation to Public Libraries. The British Museum Catalogue, considered as the basis of a Universal Catalogue. The Ligue française de l' Enseignement in connection with the formation of popular Libraries for the people. Proposal that the Library Association should compile and issue a Catalogue of Early English Books to A.D. 1640, in supplement to that of the British Museum. History of Book Production in France. Sir Kenelm Digby et les anciens Rapports des Bibliothèques françaises avec la Grande-Bretagne. Relations between English Scholars and the French King's Library in the XVIII. century. Account of the French National Library. The Club Libraries of London. Author Entries. The Original Inventor of the Card Catalogue. Card-charging system for Lending Libraries. For the Good of the Public. The New Learning. Libraries and Music. Summer School of Library Science. Reasonableness of Public Libraries. Assessment of Public Libraries.

DONATIONS.

591 volumes have been received by the Library as donations during the year, and amongst the chief donations and donors, special attention may with propriety be called to the following, viz. :—Charles E. Barkas, Esq., Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Publications of the Smithsonian Institution, etc., 32 vols.). Trustees of the British Museum, London (Catalogue of Printed Books, etc., 7 vols., and 23 pamphlets). Catholic Truth Society, London (Publications of the Society, 17 vols.). Messrs. W. B. Clive & Co , London (Publications of the University Correspondence College, 35 vols.). The Council of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London (Proceedings for 1892). The Council of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, London (Proceedings for 1892). The Council of the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders,

Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Transactions for 1892). W. Nelson Greenwood, Esq., Lancaster (Tide-Tables for 1886-93, 9 vols.). The Corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Citizen Rolls, Council Minutes, etc., 10 vols.). The Philological Society, London (Publications of the Society, 22 vols., worth about £16). Sir John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Bart., J.P., Whitefield House, Rothbury (12 vols., in continuation of "The Riddell Library"). Walter Scott, Esq., Kenilworth Press (82 vols., in continuation of "The Walter Scott Library"). Arthur E. Tregelles, Esq., Darlington (Dramatic Works, 8 vols). Rev. Charles Voysey, B.A., London (The Sling and the Stone, etc., 6 vols.), and the County Councils of Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Westmorland, and the West Riding of Yorkshire (Minutes of Proceedings, etc.).

THE RIDDELL LIBRARY.

The Library now consists of 1,043 volumes, 12 having been received from Sir John Walter Buchanan Riddell, Bart., J.P., in continuation of the bequest of his late uncle. The following are the chief books received, viz.:—Jones' Institutes of Hindu Law, demy 8vo., 1796. Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, 2 vols., royal 8vo., 1891-92. Journal and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, 5 vols., royal 8vo., 1890-92, and Strange's Hindu Law, 2 vols., royal 8vo., 1830.

THE WALTER SCOTT LIBRARY.

This Library now contains 568 volumes, 82 volumes having been received in addition to those previously presented. The works added are chiefly in continuation of well-known series, viz.:—Camelot Classics, 15 vols. Canterbury Poets, 4 vols. Contemporary Science Series, 5 vols. European Conversation Books, 2 vols. Great Writers, 2 vols. International Humour, 4 vols. Oxford Library, 37 vols., and Miscellaneous, 13 vols.

LOCAL AUTHORS AND LOCALLY PRINTED BOOKS.

Your Committee have been fortunate in securing for this section of the Library during the past year a number of scarce and valuable local publications, chiefly from the collection of a Gateshead gentleman, and which was sold by auction in Newcastle, as well as from second-hand booksellers, and special attention is called to the following, viz.:—Baines' Yorkshire, 4 vols., demy 4to., N.D. Bell's Descendants of John of Gaunt, imp. 4to., 1855. Bewick Cuts, Davison's Illustrated

Catalogue of, demy 4to., Alnwick. N.D. Bloomfield's Banks of Wye, 3rd edition, cr. 8vo., 1823. Bogg's Wharfedale, imp. 8vo., Leeds, 1892. Boyle's The County of Durham, royal 8vo., large paper copy, 1892. Burdon's Materials for Thinking, demy 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1806. Busby's Costumes of Hartlepool, royal 8vo., Durham, 1819. Butler (Canon George) Recollections of. By Josephine E. Butler, demy 8vo., 1890. Comber (Dean Thomas) Memoirs of the Life of, cr. 8vo., 1799. Consett's Tour through Sweden, etc., demy 4to., Stockton, 1789. Costume of Yorkshire, imp. 4to., 1814. Curr's Coal Viewer, cr. 4to., 1797. Davies' Innkeeper's Guide, 16th edition, post 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1820. Faber's Letters from Durham, post 8vo., 1842. Frowde (Capt. Neville) Life of, post 8vo., Berwick-upon-Tweed, 1792. Heaviside's Annals of Stockton-on-Tees, post 8vo., Stockton, 1865. Hildyard and Torr's Antiquities of York City, cr. 8vo., York, 1719. Howard (Dr. John) Life of, post 8vo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1790. Kains-Jackson's Ancient Monuments, cr. 4to., 1880. Lightfoot's Dissertations on the Apostolic Age, demy 8vo., 1892. Sawer's Essays, demy 8vo., Berwick-upon-Tweed, 1796. Scott (William Bell) Autobiography of, 2 vols., demy 8vo., 1892. Smith's British Heroism, cr. 4to., Sunderland, 1815. Sopwith's Alston Moor, cr. 8vo., Alnwick, 1833. The Stockton Visitor, post 8vo., 1825-27. Thornton's Sporting Tour, 2 vols., demy 4to., 1806. Warner's Tour through the Northern Counties, 2 vols., cr. 8vo., Bath, 1802. Wilson's Teisa, demy 4to., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1778. Zouch's Works; with Memoir, by Wrangham, 2 vols., demy 8vo., York, 1820.

DEATH OF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee regret exceedingly having to place on record the death of their esteemed colleague, the Rev. John Collingwood Bruce, M.A., D.C.L., LL.D., F.S.A., who was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on September 15th, 1805. On March 2nd, 1874, at a Public Meeting held in the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Mayor (Addison Potter, Esq.), Dr. Bruce seconded the resolution, so ably proposed by Dr. Newton, in favour of the adoption of the "Public Libraries' Acts, 1855 and 1866," which was carried by a handsome majority. Dr. Bruce was appointed a member of the Libraries' Committee in June, 1874, and served thereon until his death, which took place on April 5th, 1892. He regularly attended the Meetings of the Committee, and always evinced a deep and personal interest in the Institution. This was evidenced by the fact that he presented to the Reference Library

a folio copy of his "Roman Wall: a Description of the Mural Barrier of the North of England," 3rd ed., London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1867 (of this particular sized edition only very few copies were printed); together with a cr. 4to. copy of his "Hand-Book to the Roman Wall," 2nd ed., London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1881; and a copy of "The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments, in the Arabic Language," demy 4to., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1811. (This work was printed at the press of Mrs. Sarah Hodgson, and was edited by the Rev. Joseph Dacre Carlyle, Vicar of Newcastle, and the Rev. Edward Moises, M.A., Master of the Royal Free Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth at Newcastle). Dr. Bruce was also the author of "The Bayeux Tapestry elucidated," cr. 4to., London, 1856; "Lapidarium Septentrionale; or, a Description of the Monuments of Roman Rule in the North of England," folio, London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1875, as well as a comprehensive "Hand-Book to Newcastle-upon-Tyne," which ran through several editions.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

During the year the Chief Librarian, Mr. W. J. Haggerston, suffered in health from the arduous and incessant labour incident to the unwearied manner in which he discharges the multifarious duties of his important office. Your Committee are glad to say that the result of a somewhat prolonged holiday has been to fully re-establish his health, and he has resumed the charge which he had performed so admirably. During his absence his usual work devolved upon the Sub-librarian, Mr. Basil Anderton, and your Committee gladly record their high sense of the quiet business-like efficient way in which he proved himself fully equal to the occasion. They have had every satisfaction in the conduct of the entire staff during the past year.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

Town Hall, August 25th, 1893.

Presented to the City Council, September 6th, 1893.

Adopted by the City Council, October 4th, 1893.

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE TOTAL STOCK IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1892		34,774	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1893:—			
By Gift	65		
By Purchase	1,376		
By Transfer from Reference to Lending Library	39		
		1,480	
		36,254	
Less—Transfer to Reference Library		1	
Total Stock in Lending Library			36,253

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Number of volumes from all sources at date of last Report, March 25th, 1892		38,053	
Added during 12 months ended March 25th, 1893:—			
By Gift, including "Specifications for Patents of Inventions," and other Publications of the Patent Office, the "Riddell" Library, and the "Walter Scott" Library	523		
By Purchase	2,180		
By Transfer from Lending to Reference Library	1		
		2,704	
Add—Volumes of Thomlinson Library not previously counted for Stock		3,867	
		44,624	
Less—Volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works		39	
		44,585	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		8	
Total Stock in Reference Library			44,577

TOTAL STOCK.

Total Stock in both Departments from all sources:—			
From Mechanics' Institute Library		2,004	
By Gift, including 4,219 volumes of "Patent Specifications and Abstracts," 1,043 volumes of the "Riddell" Library, and 568 volumes of the "Walter Scott" Library		13,612	
Thomlinson Library at date of transfer	8,231		
Do. recovered since transfer	23		
Do. donations received since transfer	13		
		8,267	
By Purchase		56,955	
		80,838	
Less—Number of volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies		8	
Total Stock			80,830

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS IN LENDING AND REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,819	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels ..	8,257	
C.—Science, and Natural History	3,372	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities († 1) ..	1,537	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics ..	1,243	
F.—Philology, and Education	589	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,638	
H.—Prose Fiction	8,946	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature	4,928	
K.—Juvenile Literature	2,925	
	36,254	
†*Less*—1 volume transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library	1	
Total Stock in Lending Library		36,253

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A.—Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy	2,322	
B.—History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels (* 7)	5,638	
C.—Science, and Natural History (* 24)	3,053	
D.—Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities (* 6) ..	2,978	
E.—Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics (* 2) ..	3,047	
F.—Philology, Education, Bibliography, Belles Lettres, Dictionaries, and Encyclopædias (* 5)	3,032	
G.—Poetry, and the Drama	1,317	
H.—Prose Fiction	579	
J.—Miscellaneous Literature, including The Classics, Collected Works of Authors, Magazines and Reviews, and Transactions of Societies (* 3)..	10,171	
	32,137	
Publications of the Patent Office, etc. ..	4,219	
Thomlinson Library	8,267	
	44,623	
**Less*—39 volumes transferred from the Reference to the Lending Library, in consequence of the purchase of later editions of the Works; and 8 volumes burnt, or damaged at Fire, and not yet replaced by other copies	47	
Total Stock in Reference Library.. ..	44,576	
Add—1 volume transferred from the Lending to the Reference Library	1	
		44,577
Total Stock in both Departments.. ..		80,830

TABLE III.—SHOWING HOW THE LENDING STOCK HAS BEEN AFFECTED SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY IN SEPTEMBER, 1880.

17,952 Volumes have been bound, or re-bound.

555 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

78 Volumes have been lost, or injured by borrowers, and replaced by their guarantors by other copies of equal value, or paid for.

3,402 Volumes have been worn out, or found to be past re-binding, and have been replaced by the Committee.

17 Volumes have been replaced by the Committee in consequence of the borrowers to whom they were lent having left the City, and of whom no trace could be found.

24 Volumes have been absolutely lost.

The titles of the missing works are as follows:—Ainsworth's Star Chamber. Austen's Mansfield Park. Besant and Rice's Seamy Side. Besant and Rice's Ten Years' Tenant. Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry. Fitzgerald's Recreations of a Literary Man, 2 vols. Gosman's Seven Days in London. Habberton's Barton Experiment. James' Arabella Stuart. Leahy's Art of Swimming in the Eton Style. Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome. MacDonald's Stephen Archer. Military Life, Tales of, vol. 1. Mitchell's Bainbridge Holme, 2 vols. Mulock's My Mother and I. Paul Arnold (Chambers' Juvenile Library). Russell's Vicar's Governess. Sadler's Flag Lieutenant. Scott's Tom Cringle's Log. Starling's Noble Deeds of Women. Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin; edited by Crowe. Tabor's Last of Her Line.

TABLE IV.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF OPEN DAYS, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE TURN OVER IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1892, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1893.

DATE.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1892.													
March 26th to 31st	56	261	158	70	45	25	73	2,063	279	614	3,644	4½	810
April	289	971	718	354	169	140	352	9,482	1,354	2,589	16,418	22	746
May	244	959	605	364	220	177	350	8,886	1,506	2,653	15,964	24	665
June*	82	315	193	102	48	59	110	3,115	519	845	5,388	13½	399
July*	164	726	445	340	170	180	299	7,775	994	2,162	13,255	22	603
August	187	1,070	607	621	236	175	346	7,787	1,125	2,151	14,305	23½	609
September	265	1,052	694	485	304	173	320	9,870	1,387	2,482	17,032	24	710
October	245	1,107	779	412	277	176	423	10,051	1,625	2,871	17,966	24	749
November	258	1,130	791	462	347	198	511	9,434	1,736	2,831	17,698	23½	753
December	212	948	615	387	243	211	448	8,842	1,324	2,417	15,647	24	652
1893.													
January	220	1,176	828	323	278	190	384	9,828	1,360	2,844	17,431	23	758
February..	250	1,254	970	324	134	105	280	9,397	1,346	2,690	16,750	22	761
March 1st, to 25th	209	1,107	822	311	81	83	187	8,453	1,094	2,800	15,147	20	757
Total Issue in each Class ..	2,681	12,076	8,225	4,555	2,552	1,892	4,083	104,983	15,649	29,949	186,645	272	691
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1·44	6.47	4·41	2·44	1·37	1·01	2·19	56·25	8·38	16·04	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	10	44	30	17	9	7	15	383	57	110	691	..	..
Number of Volumes in Stock..	2,819	8,257	3,372	1,536	1,243	589	1,638	8,946	4,928	2,925	36,253	..	..
Turn Over	·95	1·46	2·44	2·97	2·05	3·21	2·49	11·74	3·18	10·24	5·15	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1.0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 20th, to and including July 2nd, 1892, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE V.

Showing the work accomplished in the Lending Departments of Twelve Public Libraries in England, as compared with Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

No.	Name of City, or Town.	Date of Establishment.	Population of Municipal Borough according to Census returns for 1891.	Number of Lending Libraries.	Number of Readers' Tickets in use.	Total Number of Volumes in Stock.	Total Issue.	Turn Over.	Stock of Volumes in Prose Fiction.	Issue in Prose Fiction.	Turn Over of Prose Fiction as compared with Stock.	Percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction as compared with Gross Issue.
1	Liverpool	1852	517,951	3	11,192	60,147	463,256	7·70	†	366,219	†	79·05
2	Manchester	1852	505,343	9	42,758	124,972	761,500	6·10	39,502	574,645	14·54	75·46
3	Birmingham	1861	429,171	7	21,504	64,554	525,709	8·14	25,587	364,078	14·23	69·25
4	Leeds	1868	367,506	39	26,870	137,096	822,209	6·00	52,957	450,000	8·50	54·73
5	Sheffield	1856	324,243	5	14,495	84,723	386,741	4·56	19,986	245,659	12·29	63·52
6	Bristol	1876	221,700	6	18,500	85,342	590,688	6·92	18,530	338,886	18·29	57·37
7	Nottingham	1867	212,000	5	13,000	41,321	235,009	5·69	19,622	185,854	9·47	79·08
8	Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	1880	186,345	1	11,188	36,253	186,645	5·15	8,946	104,983	11·74	56·25
9	Leicester	1872	175,000	3	10,858	27,288	318,272	11·66	9,850	176,905	17·96	55·58
10	Preston	1879	107,573	1	6,043	17,871	110,319	6·17	3,879	72,448	18·67	65·67
11	Norwich	1857	100,964	1	4,049	14,962	95,458	6·38	4,582	71,245	15·55	74·63
12	Wolverhampton	1869	82,620	1	3,172	26,800	67,710	2·53	7,364	42,843	5·82	63·26
13	Rochdale	1872	71,458	1	6,500	32,470	136,722	4·21	13,780	111,159	8·07	81·30

† These figures have not been supplied.

It will thus be seen that Newcastle-upon-Tyne is 8th in Population, 8th in Stock, 10th in Turn Over, 8th in number of Readers' Tickets in use, while the percentage of Issue in Prose Fiction is, with two exceptions, lower than in any of the above-named Libraries.

TABLE VI.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library.

FEMALES.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Actresses		2
Artists	1	6
Assistants		32
Bookbinders		3
Cashiers		3
Clerks		11
Cooks and Confectioners	1	8
Domestic Servants	1	50
Dress and Mantle Makers	6	136
Florists		2
Gilders		2
Governesses		17
Grocers	2	5
Housekeepers		25
Jewellers	2	
Journalist		1
Knitters		3
Laundresses		5
Librarian		1
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids		5
Lodging House Keepers	6	3
Machinists		10
Manageresses		10
Matron		1
Carried forward	19	341
Brought forward	19	341
Milliners	3	39
Musicians		2
Nurses		23
Packer		1
Pawnbrokers		2
Photographers		3
Registry Office Keeper	1	
Saleswomen	1	14
Scholars and Students		78
Schoolmistresses and Teachers	10	250
Seamstresses		7
Shopkeepers	1	6
Stamper		1
Storekeepers		2
Tailors		2
Telegraphists		5
Tobacconists	1	1
Town Missionaries and Scripture Readers		2
Typewriters		3
Upholstress		1
Waitresses		14
No occupation stated	144	2,399
Total	180	3,196

MALES.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Accountants	36	24
Actor		1
Agents—Commission, House, Insurance, Land, &c.	113	56
Apprentices		112
Architects	15	118
— Naval	3	1
Artists	14	16
Asphalter	1	
Assistants, Shop	1	65
Auctioneers	2	1
Bakers and Confectioners	20	18
Barrister	1	
Basket Makers	2	
Bell Hanger	1	
Belt Makers	2	5
Billiard Markers		3
Bird Preserver		1
Block and Mast Makers		2
Boat Builders		2
Boiler Makers	10	13
Bookbinders	8	20
Carried forward	229	458
Brought forward	229	458
Booksellers and Stationers	22	24
Boot and Shoe Makers, and Dealers	17	18
Bottler	1	
Box Maker	1	
Brakesman	1	
Brass Finishers	10	18
Brewers	3	3
Brick Maker		1
Bricklayers	6	7
Brokers	12	4
Brush Makers	8	1
Builders and Contractors	14	8
Butchers	17	25
Butler		1
Cab Proprietors	1	2
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	29	57
Caretakers and Janitors	3	7
Carpet Planners	2	
Cartmen	5	7
Carried forward	381	641

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	381	641
Cartwright	1	
Carvers and Gilders	7	19
Cashiers..	21	14
Catchers..		2
Caulkers..		2
Checkers	3	2
Chemists and Druggists ..	24	47
Clergymen and Ministers ..	17	33
Clerks	204	874
Coach Builders and Coach Painters	6	7
Coachmen and Grooms ..	4	5
Collectors	7	4
Commercial Travellers ..	44	48
Consuls and Vice-Consuls ..	1	2
Coopers	7	1
Coppersmiths	1	12
Cordwainer	1	
Cork Cutters	4	1
Cutler		1
Cycle Makers		5
Dairymen	2	7
Dentists	1	4
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons ..	22	16
Drapers, Clothiers, and Hosiers	61	136
Draughtsmen	17	52
Drillers	10	7
Drysalters	1	1
Dyers	1	1
Electricians	8	39
Elocutionists	5	5
Engine Drivers..	3	
Engineers	90	219
Engineers, Civil	4	5
Engineers, Consulting ..	2	
Engineers, Marine	3	1
Engineers, Mechanical ..	2	1
Engineers, Mining	1	1
Enginemen	18	9
Engravers and Embossers ..	6	4
Errand Boys		17
Fellmongers	2	1
Firemen..	7	7
Fishing Tackle Maker.. ..		1
Fishmongers, and Game Dealers	8	1
Fitters, and Turners	85	167
Foremen	16	6
French Polishers	3	5
Fruiterers, Florists, and Seedsmen..	12	6
Furnaceman	1	
Furrier		1
Gardeners	2	8
General Dealers	6	1
Glass and China Dealers ..	2	1
Carried forward ..	1,134	2,450

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	1,134	2,450
Glass Makers, Painters, and Stainers	4	7
Governor of H.M. Prison ..	1	
Grocers, and Provision Dealers	65	106
Gun Makers		2
Hairdressers, and Perfumers..	6	30
Hatters	5	
Hawkers..	1	1
Ice Sellers	2	
Income Tax Assessors.. ..	2	
Inspectors, and Superintendents..	23	8
Iron Founders	2	3
Iron Roofer	1	
Ironmongers	20	22
Jewellers, and Watchmakers..	16	26
Joiners, and Carpenters ..	82	74
Journalists	10	12
Labourers	34	73
Lamplighter	1	
Law Stationers..	2	
Law Writers	1	1
Lead Workers	2	
Leather Dressers, and Sellers	1	2
Librarians, and Library Assistants	3	13
Licensed Victuallers, and Barmen..	20	27
Lithographers	2	4
Lodging House Keeper ..	1	
Machinists	19	24
Managers	23	26
Manufacturers	15	10
Masons	14	13
Masseurs	1	1
Master Mariners	8	2
Mattress Maker	1	
Mechanics		10
Medical Students	1	15
Merchants	61	15
Messengers	1	180
Metallurgist	1	
Millers	10	4
Millwrights	3	1
Miners	4	7
Model Maker	1	
Money Lender	1	
Moulders, and Pattern Makers	35	56
Musical Instrument Dealers..	3	3
Musicians	11	14
Office Boys		38
Officer, Military	1	4
— Naval..		3
Officers of H.M. Civil Service	5	3
Officers of H.M. Customs ..	4	13
Officers of H.M. Inland Revenue	10	7
Opticians	2	5
Carried forward ..	1,676	3,321

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	1,676	3,321
Overseers		2
Packers	2	7
Painters, Glaziers, Decorators, &c.	48	53
Paper Rulers		4
Paper Stainers	1	3
Paviours..	2	4
Pawnbrokers	5	7
Photographers	6	19
Picture Framers	1	3
Plasterers	10	6
Platelayers	4	
Platers	11	10
Plumbers	22	45
Police Officers	4	6
Porters	9	34
Post-office Officials	5	6
Potters	5	8
Printers, Compositors, and Stereotypers	52	78
Professors of Music	3	
Quarrymen	1	1
Quay Masters	2	
Railway Employees	28	21
Registrars	2	
Relieving Officers	8	1
Restaurant Keeper	1	
Rope Makers	2	1
Saddlers	4	5
Sailmakers	2	3
Sailors	5	6
Salesmen	4	24
Sausage Maker..	1	
Sawyers..	2	3
Scholars and Students ..		871
School Board Officers	5	
School Masters and Teachers	40	126
Sculptors	2	1
Secretaries	5	3
Shipbuilders	2	1
Ship Chandler	1	
Ship Owners	3	1
Shipwrights	4	12
Shopkeepers	5	
Shorthand Writers	2	3
Slaters	3	1
Smiths	23	23
Carried forward ..	2,023	4,723

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	2,023	4,723
Soap Boiler	1	
Soldiers	4	1
Solicitors	21	5
Spade and Shovel Maker ..	1	
Spinner		1
Stevedore		1
Store Keepers	6	11
Strikers	9	4
Surveyors	6	9
Sweeps	2	
Tailors, and Cutters	37	50
Tanners..	10	4
Telegraphists	10	55
Ticket Writer		1
Timber Measurer		1
Timekeepers	5	6
Tin-plate Workers	3	10
Tobacconists	6	12
Town Missionaries, and Scripture Readers	6	9
Treasurer, City..	1	
Tripe Preparer	1	
Tuners	2	
Umbrella Maker		1
Underwriter	1	
Verger	1	
Veterinary Surgeons	2	2
Waiters	2	8
Warders..	2	3
Warehousemen	24	32
Watchman	1	
Watermen	4	1
Weavers..	2	1
Wharfinger	1	
Wherryman	1	
Whitesmiths	1	6
Wire-Workers	3	
Yeast Dealers	2	
No Occupation stated.. ..	86	568
Total Males	2,287	5,525
Total Females	180	3,196
	2,467	8,721
	11,188	

TABLE VII.

Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers.

	Males	Females
Special Tickets for Juveniles from 12 to 14	1,320	341
From 15 to 20	1,980	895
From 21 to 30	1,520	813
From 31 to 40	335	274
Carried forward ..	5,155	2,323

	Males	Females
Brought forward ..	5,155	2,323
From 41 to 50	128	134
From 51 to 60	60	53
From 61 to 80	38	38
Ages not stated	144	648
Total ..	5,525	3,196
	8,721	

TABLE VIII.

Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens	Total
St. Nicholas'	38	93	131
St. John's	33	136	169
All Saints' West ..	71	63	134
All Saints' East ..	104	424	528
All Saints' North ..	216	758	974
St. Andrew's South ..	84	198	282
St. Andrew's North ..	158	894	1,052
Westgate South ..	86	316	402
Westgate North ..	122	482	604
Carried forward ..	912	3,364	4,276

	Citizens	Non-Citizens	Total
Brought forward ..	912	3,364	4,276
Arthur's Hill	410	1,179	1,589
Elswick North ..	196	946	1,142
Elswick South ..	113	383	496
Elswick East	112	474	586
Jesmond	148	603	751
Heaton	386	1,249	1,635
Byker	173	523	696
Non-Resident Freemen	17	—	17
Total ..	2,467	8,721	11,188

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1893, the Number of Open Days, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, the Class Percentage of Issue, the Number of Volumes in Stock, and the Turn Over in each Class.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Open Days.	Daily Average Issue.
1892.														
March 26th, to 31st	13	36	120	157	102	118	11	1	132	46	388	1,124	5	225
April	108	288	472	615	619	457	76	6	757	315	77	3,790	24	158
May	161	259	539	735	537	491	97	10	608	369	309	4,115	26	158
June*	49	117	304	342	283	601	30	8	246	294	206	2,480	15	165
July*	22	126	206	297	399	217	48	1	384	361	152	2,213	24	92
August	81	204	479	599	539	629	60	10	589	378	120	3,688	26	142
September	206	400	728	1,311	613	729	211	5	658	493	436	5,790	26	223
October	141	462	915	1,001	663	686	181	23	650	421	169	5,312	26	204
November	160	403	628	810	672	635	171	15	743	362	184	4,783	26	184
December	132	278	508	1,037	416	648	75	16	764	299	162	4,335	26	167
1893.														
January	145	316	875	908	644	856	187	8	935	387	149	5,410	25	216
February	208	574	1,066	1,219	524	1,226	128	15	911	468	507	6,846	24	285
March 1st, to 25th	129	644	820	1,071	632	858	154	5	1,103	390	444	6,250	22	284
Total Issue in each Class ..	1,555	4,107	7,660	10,102	6,643	8,151	1,429	123	8,480	4,583	3,303	56,136	295	190
Class Percentage of entire Issue.	2·77	7·32	13·64	18·00	11·83	14·52	2·55	0·22	15·11	8·16	5·88	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	5	14	26	33	22	29	5	1	29	15	11	190	..	..
Number of Volumes in Stock ..	2,322	5,631	3,029	2,973	3,045	3,027	1,317	579	10,168	8,267	4,219	44,577	..	..
Turn Over	0·67	0·73	2·53	3·40	2·18	2·69	1·09	0·21	0·83	0·55	0·78	1·26	..	..

* Library closed from June 20th, to and including July 2nd, 1892, for Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, &c.

TABLE X.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	41	129
Actors and Actresses ..	14	44
Agents	181	959
Analysts	12	60
Apprentices	26	93
Architects	213	545
— Naval	5	7
Artists	165	781
Assistants, Shop	34	67
Auctioneers	25	83
Bailiffs	5	26
Bakers and Confectioners ..	12	53
Bankers	78	159
Beltmakers	2	5
Billposters	2	3
Blacksmiths	12	36
Boilersmiths	7	16
Bookbinders	21	150
Booksellers and Stationers ..	60	260
Boot and Shoe Makers ..	24	58
Brassworkers	27	116
Brewers	17	40
Bricklayer	1	1
Brokers	21	190
Brushmaker	1	1
Builders and Contractors ..	17	40
Butchers	4	5
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	8	101
Canvassers and Collectors ..	24	222
Caretakers, &c.	41	117
Carpet Cutters	7	10
Cartmen	11	70
Carvers and Gilders	57	209
Cashiers	9	15
Checkers	7	22
Chemists and Druggists ..	115	504
Clergymen and Ministers ..	258	909
Clerks and Book-keepers ..	1,027	2,890
Clerks of Works	3	6
Coach Builders & Coach Painters	16	37
Coal Owners	7	11
Commercial Travellers ..	186	438
Consuls and Vice-Consuls ..	33	135
Coopers..	6	11
Coppersmiths	4	7
Currier and Tanner	1	1
Cutler	1	1
Dentists	3	9
Designers & Carpet Planners	50	140
Drapers	200	448
Draughtsmen	246	981
Dressmaker	1	1
Drillers..	2	66
Elocutionists	21	52
Carried forward ..	3,371	11,340

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward..	3,371	11,340
Engineers	812	2,204
— Civil	70	287
— Electrical	74	204
— Marine	37	147
— Mechanical	13	62
— Mining	27	56
Engravers	12	79
Farmers	24	76
Filecutter	1	1
Firemen	2	3
Fishmongers	2	8
Fitters and Turners	148	266
Foremen	13	35
Fruiterers and Seedsmen ..	7	13
Gardeners	9	30
Gas Stoker	1	1
Genealogists	52	298
General Dealers	13	25
Glass Cutter	1	1
Glass Painters and Stainers	8	14
Grocers and Provision Dealers	45	89
Grooms	2	9
Hairdressers	8	16
Hatters..	7	10
Hawkers	5	10
Inspectors and Superintendents	44	119
Ironfounders	11	15
Ironmongers	36	73
Jewellers and Watchmakers	72	178
Joiners and Carpenters ..	129	545
Journalists and Reporters ..	111	662
Labourers	59	356
Lecturers	19	54
Librarians & Library Assistants	332	1,088
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen	4	128
Lithographers	24	52
Machinists	49	75
Managers	108	358
Manufacturers	39	184
Masons	16	58
Mechanics	69	138
Medical Students	88	221
Merchants	73	272
Messengers	8	21
Millers	3	4
Millwrights	4	6
Miners	30	74
Missionaries and Evangelists	3	3
Moulders and Patternmakers	78	454
Musicians	78	152
Nurses	7	9
Officers, Army	14	28
— Naval	21	87
Carried forward ..	6,293	20,698

TABLE X.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward..	6,293	20,698
Officers, of H.M. Customs ..	16	78
— Inland Revenue	11	33
Opticians	12	31
Painters and Decorators ..	45	88
Paperhangers and Paperstainers	17	72
Photographers	21	49
Plasterers	7	19
Platers	8	18
Plumbers	13	37
Policemen	9	25
Polishers	4	5
Porters	5	7
Post-office Officials	7	44
Printers and Compositors ..	48	89
Professors of Music	36	116
Railway Officials	11	29
Registrars	4	19
Riveter	1	1
Saddler	1	1
Sailmaker	1	1
Sailors	17	34
Salesmen	9	13
Sawyers	5	8
School-attendance Officers ..	25	85
Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses	110	675
Sculptors	11	42
Secretaries	62	157
Servants, Domestic	7	9
Shipowners	41	155
Shipwrights	12	33
Carried forward ..	6,869	22,671

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward..	6,869	22,671
Shorthand Writers	5	10
Sinkmakers	12	39
Slaters	4	7
Smiths	66	398
Soldiers	4	5
Solicitors	23	44
Stewards	8	27
Store and Timekeepers ..	5	19
Students	796	2,574
Surgeons, Doctors, etc. ..	140	644
— Veterinary	24	78
Surveyors	118	387
Tailors, and Cutters	36	78
Teachers	916	3,072
Telegraphists	26	102
Ticket Writer	1	1
Tinsmiths	3	5
Tobacconists	6	6
Underwriter	1	1
Vergers..	2	4
Waiters	25	27
Warder..	1	8
Warehousemen	7	33
Weavers	5	20
Weighmen	3	19
Whitesmiths	7	17
Wire-Workers	8	29
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library ..	139	4,583
No Occupation stated ..	4,588	21,228
Total	13,848	56,136

TABLE XI.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	2,153	6,249
From 21 to 30	3,045	8,571
From 31 to 40	1,201	3,664
From 41 to 50	600	2,305
From 51 to 60	324	1,079
Carried forward ..	7,323	21,868

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	7,323	21,868
From 61 to 80	202	680
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library	139	4,583
Ages not stated.. ..	6,184	29,005
Total ..	13,848	56,136

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OF THE

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1893-94.

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THIRTEENTH REPORT

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Public Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1894.

The result of the year's work has been satisfactory, and the number of volumes has been largely augmented.

The question of Branch Libraries has again been raised, owing to the offer made by Alderman Wm. H. Stephenson of the gift of a building for a branch at Elswick. The building is in process of erection.

In view of the ever-increasing use by the public of the News-room, a scheme was proposed for converting the old Lecture Hall of the Mechanics' Institution into a Magazine Room; it being perceived that by transferring all the more important journals and magazines to the upper room, the pressure on the downstairs room would be greatly relieved. The necessary alterations were therefore undertaken, and were in due course completed. Everything was arranged for carrying the scheme into effect at the commencement of the new Library year, viz., 26th March, 1894.

In the course of the year the Library was assessed for the Income Tax. After careful debate it was decided that the claim could not be resisted, and it was resolved that, for the present at all events, payment must be made.

The electric lamps which formed part of the original installation have been replaced by new ones. In many cases they had outlasted the 1,000 hours for which they had been guaranteed. The great benefit and convenience of the use of the electric light, as contrasted with gas, has been abundantly confirmed.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

With more particular regard to the Reference Library, we are glad to note that, apart from the Thomlinson Library, there has been an increase in the issues. The benefit accruing from the Technical Grant, and the appreciation by the public of the books which that grant enables the Committee to secure, are constantly apparent. The issue in the class of works to which this fund is devoted is one of the largest and steadiest, as it is also, considering the needs of the district, one of the most appropriate. The practical requirements of technical instruction having been thus provided for, attention was given to the higher Mathematics, and four leading Journals in English (London Mathematical Society's Proceedings, Quarterly Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics, Messenger of Mathematics, and American Journal of Mathematics) were added to the Library in supplement to the foreign Journals which had been already secured.

At the same time other branches of study were not neglected. The Committee purchased such of the books as they did not already possess out of the lists recommended by Professor Terry and Mr. Mundahl in connection with their lectures on the Expansion of England and on Political Economy. The volumes were kept readily available in the Reference Library, and many students made use of the opportunities for consultation thus provided. Of books relating to Art subjects, we may note that the Ruskin section has been considerably increased, and that additional foreign works on Architecture and Decoration have been procured. Increase has also been made, whenever occasion offered, in the collection of locally printed books.

In respect of the Patents two facts may be noticed. 1st—That a complete set of the Subject Matter Indices and Trade Marks Journals have been received from the Comptroller General within the year, and their supply has been continued regularly. 2nd—That an

offer was made to the Committee to forward to them the whole of the American Patents, on condition of their providing storage and paying carriage. After careful consideration, however, the Committee in January, 1894, resolved with regret that owing to the large amount of space required for shelving, and to the restriction of the funds at their disposal, it was advisable to decline the generous offer.

LENDING LIBRARY.

In the Lending Library there is not much that calls for special notice. There has been a slight increase in the number of borrowers, and, though there has been to some extent a decrease in the issues, yet this is partly explained by the fact that the Lending Library was open ten days less this year than in the previous year. It is probably, however, mainly due to the length of time which has elapsed since the issue of the last catalogue. This defect is being remedied by the preparation of a List of Additions since 1889. Meanwhile, some lists of scientific books, classified according to subjects, have been written out, and duplicated by means of a cheap copying apparatus. They have been distributed gratuitously, and have proved very popular. A list of works on various social subjects has also been written out and exhibited in this department. A large number of books which were worn out have been replaced; the normal number of volumes have been rebound. The growth of this part of the Library is shown by the fact that it has been found necessary to purchase two sections of the Elliot Indicator within the year, though as a rule one section proves sufficient. The Juvenile Department continues to be extremely popular.

STOCK-TAKING.

At the Annual Stock-taking of June, 1893, it was found that two volumes were missing from the Reference Library, and one from the Lending. The total number lost from the Reference Library since its opening has been five volumes; the total lost from the Lending has been 25.

EMIGRATION.

The work that is being done in connection with Information for Emigrants is proving very successful.

CONFERENCES.

The Forty-fifth Annual Conference of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held at North Shields on August 24th,

1893, under the auspices of the Tynemouth Library Committee. The chair was occupied by Alderman J. Foster Spence, J.P., Mayor of Tynemouth, who was the President of the Union. After the Reports had been received, and the other business concluded, Alderman Spence gave an Address on "Mechanics' Institutions and their Future." The meeting then proceeded to Tynemouth, where the rest of the proceedings were brought to a close. The Newcastle Public Libraries Committee was represented by Councillor Flowers, Dr. Evers, Mr. R. Carr, and Mr. W. J. Haggerston.

The Library Association held its Annual Meeting at Aberdeen, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th September, 1893. Dr. Richard Garnett gave the Presidential Address, consisting mainly of a review of the work accomplished in the previous year and suggestions for future work. A number of good Papers were then read by various Librarians. The Newcastle Library was not represented.

LIBRARY STAFF.

The Committee much regret that during the year the ill health of the Chief Librarian, Mr. W. J. Haggerston, continued to cause grave anxiety, and to necessitate frequent absences from duty. The work of the institution, however, did not suffer prejudice, but was satisfactorily carried on under the direction of Mr. Basil Anderton, the Sub-Librarian, who was supported ably and loyally by the other members of the staff.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

Town Hall, November 30th, 1894.

Presented to the City Council, December 5th, 1894.

Adopted by the City Council, December 5th, 1894.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock in the Reference and Lending Libraries during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Added by Purchase	844	
By Purchase (Technical Instruction Fund	320	
By Gift (including 168 volumes of Patents)	448	
By Transfer from Lending Library	9	
	1,621	
Less—Volumes transferred to Lending Library	10	
		1,611

LENDING LIBRARY.

Added by Purchase	1,505	
By Purchase (Juvenile Department)	120	
By Gift	34	
By Transfer from Reference Library	10	
	1,669	
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	9	
		1,660
Total additions to Stock for year ended 25th March, 1894		3,271

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Total.
Volumes bound	116	570	686
Volumes replaced by Readers or their Gurantors..	..	30	30
Volumes replaced by Committee	..	300	300

List of Books destroyed by Fire in Reference Library, and still requiring to be replaced :—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813.
Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur"; edited by Hind, 4to., 1844.
Freer's Last Decade of a Glorious Reign, 2 Vols., post 8vo., 1863.
Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 Vols., 4to., 1844.
Guarino's Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671.

TABLE III.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, AND THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, FROM MARCH 27TH, 1893, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 24TH, 1894.

DATE.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1893.													
March 27th to 30th	35	146	118	30	16	11	34	1,219	178	379	2,166	3½	619
April	275	1,028	727	276	97	88	198	8,648	1,119	2,310	14,766	22	671
May	255	991	678	252	94	75	214	8,382	1,010	2,232	14,183	23½	604
June*	79	336	247	105	33	31	69	3,374	387	771	5,432	13	418
July*	194	845	593	272	99	68	158	8,123	970	1,857	13,179	22	599
August	181	912	597	310	94	89	185	8,405	905	1,989	13,667	23½	582
September	278	965	617	354	177	118	272	9,904	1,136	2,167	15,988	24	666
October	271	1,068	754	286	146	169	316	9,712	1,246	2,598	16,566	24	690
November	249	1,126	653	275	157	117	269	9,294	1,305	2,550	15,995	23½	681
December	255	951	610	212	104	130	199	8,280	1,061	2,394	14,196	22	645
1894.													
January	290	985	686	268	147	86	254	8,808	1,077	2,253	14,854	22½	660
February..	274	998	632	296	139	106	223	9,116	1,131	2,014	14,929	22	679
March 1st to 24th	225	837	605	210	106	92	213	7,599	1,001	1,709	12,597	18½	681
Total Issue in each Class ..	2,861	11,188	7,517	3,146	1,409	1,180	2,604	100,864	12,526	25,223	168,518	264	638
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1·70	6·64	4·46	1·87	0·84	0·70	1·54	59·85	7·43	14·97	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	11	42	29	12	5	4	10	382	47	96	638	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1.0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 19th to and including July 1st, 1893, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE VII.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1894, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1893.														
March 27th, to 31st	61	71	76	252	72	80	1	1	116		85	815	4	204
April	169	565	884	1,275	687	796	88	3	1,189		327	5,983	24	249
May	122	400	805	1,795	554	650	237	9	725		337	5,634	26	217
June 1st to 17th inclusive* ..	73	237	388	635	338	265	79	4	555		153	2,727	15	182
July 3rd to 31st inclusive* ..	178	362	647	832	499	527	102	11	1,097		195	4,450	24	185
August	159	272	663	946	672	371	132	9	592		73	3,889	26	150
September	153	302	780	1,167	1,179	478	234	33	637		444	5,407	26	208
October	160	647	730	1,239	1,004	496	143	42	807		135	5,403	26	208
November	127	357	544	747	545	443	75	24	743		94	3,699	26	142
December	116	283	357	960	579	398	61	36	456	Estimated.	88	3,334	24	139
1894.														
January	127	553	516	855	601	459	35	15	626		182	3,969	25	159
February	143	419	577	698	604	496	114	14	390		226	3,681	24	153
March 1st to 25th	150	334	423	494	588	343	56	8	471		55	2,922	20	146
Total Issue in each Class ..	1,738	4,802	7,390	11,895	7,922	5,802	1,357	209	8,404	637	2,394	52,250	290	180
Class Percentage of entire Issue.	3	9	14	22·76	15	11	2·6	0·4	16	1·2	4·58	100	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	6	16	25	41	27	20	5	1	29	2	8	180	..	..

* The Reference Library was closed from June 19th to and including July 1st, 1893, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE VIII.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Accountants	59	115
Actors and Actresses	13	41
Agents	223	894
Analysts	6	19
Apprentices	27	63
Architects	330	779
— Naval	22	46
Artists	211	752
Assistants, Shop	6	16
Auctioneers	10	26
Bakers and Confectioners	25	48
Bankers	42	734
Blacksmiths	18	52
Boilersmiths	12	77
Bookbinders	42	110
Booksellers and Stationers	36	124
Boot and Shoe Makers	78	273
Brassworkers	14	21
Bricklayers	3	7
Brokers	5	10
Builders and Contractors	10	42
Butchers	6	8
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	21	58
Canvasser	1	1
Caretaker	1	1
Carpet Cutters	3	14
Cartmen	1	6
Carvers and Gilders	21	48
Cashiers	6	8
Chemists and Druggists	106	230
Clergymen and Ministers	100	823
Clerks and Book-keepers	737	2383
Clerks of Works	4	9
Coal Owner	1	1
Commercial Travellers	97	611
Consuls and Vice-Consuls	3	13
Coopers	2	2
Coppersmith	1	1
Dentists	6	6
Designers & Carpet Planners	50	94
Drapers	133	363
Draughtsmen	223	649
Dressmaker	1	4
Drillers	5	5
Elocutionists	4	11
Engineers	956	2572
— Civil	38	223
— Electrical	70	129
— Marine	14	35
— Mechanical	11	18
— Mining	29	149
Engravers	10	21
Farmers	4	6
Fitters and Turners	224	423
Carried forward	4,081	13,174

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	4,031	13,174
Foremen	11	12
Fruiterers and Seedsmen	1	2
Gardeners	7	32
Genealogists	45	168
General Dealers	6	6
Grocers and Provision Dealers	49	113
Groom	1	1
Hairdressers	4	12
Inspectors and Superintendents	64	119
Ironfounders	4	4
Ironmongers	11	22
Jewellers and Watchmakers	49	120
Joiners and Carpenters	115	286
Journalists and Reporters	177	957
Labourers	11	25
Lecturers	14	63
Librarians & Library Assistants	43	238
Licensed Victuallers & Barmen	12	22
Lithographers	11	13
Machinists	42	76
Managers	30	88
Manufacturers	48	224
Masons	7	9
Mechanics	65	180
Medical Students	56	349
Merchants	91	131
Millers	6	17
Millwrights	4	5
Miners	24	67
Missionaries and Evangelists	3	12
Moulders and Patternmakers	59	183
Musicians	53	131
Nurses	3	3
Officers, Army	9	10
— Naval	26	94
— of H.M. Customs	11	25
— Inland Revenue	6	13
Opticians	57	98
Painters and Decorators	103	168
Photographers	12	19
Plasterers	2	2
Platers	7	43
Plumbers	20	48
Policemen	2	28
Polishers	17	20
Porters	8	18
Post-office Officials	8	11
Printers and Compositors	87	176
Professors of Music	5	65
Railway Officials	11	21
Registrars	3	7
Riveters	2	7
Saddler	1	1
Carried forward	5,604	17,738

TABLE VIII.—*Continued.*

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ..	5,604	17,738
Sailmakers	2	2
Sailors	24	40
Salesmen	28	198
Sawyers	3	3
School Attendance Officers	19	257
Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses	116	382
Sculptors	3	4
Secretaries	21	75
Shipowners	7	42
Shipwrights	13	29
Shorthand Writers	4	12
Smiths	20	31
Soldiers	2	28
Solicitors	68	244
Stewards	2	2
Storekeepers & Timekeepers	3	6
Carried forward ..	5,939	19,093

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward ..	5,939	19,093
Students	530	1,402
Surgeons, Doctors, &c. ..	100	533
— Veterinary	16	38
Surveyors	162	369
Tailors and Cutters	34	82
Teachers	1,034	2,397
Telegraphists	117	512
Underwriter	1	1
Vergers..	2	4
Waiters	4	9
Warders	5	22
Warehousemen	21	48
Whitesmith	1	4
Wire-Workers..	5	12
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library ..	127	637
No Occupation stated ..	3,703	26,887
Total	11,801	52,250

TABLE IX.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	1,649	4,889
From 21 to 30	2,852	6,437
From 31 to 40	916	3,559
From 41 to 50	726	2,081
From 51 to 60	209	733
Carried forward ..	6,352	17,699

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	6,352	17,699
From 61 to 80	151	487
Clergymen and others using Thomlinson Library	127	637
Ages not stated	5,171	33,427
	11,801	52,250

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS-ROOMS.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously.

DAILIES :—

Birmingham Post.
Daily Express.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
London Daily Telegraph.
London Morning Post.
London Pall Mall Gazette.
London St. James's Gazette.
London Standard.
London Times.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
Newcastle Chronicle, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening News, 3 copies.
Newcastle Journal, 3 copies.
Newcastle Leader, 3 copies.
*North Star.
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES :—

Academy.
*Alliance News (Dr. R. S. Watson).
*——————— (A. Robinson, Esq.)
Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
*Blyth Examiner.
*Blyth Weekly News.
*British Architect.
British Journal of Photography.
Builder.
Carpenter and Builder.
Chemical News.
Christian World.
Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News.
*Drapers' Record.
*Electrical Engineer.
Electrical Review.
*Electrician.
Engineer.
Engineering.
English Mechanic.
Era, The.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

Field.
Figaro.
Fun, 2 copies.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
*Gas World.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic, 3 copies.
*Good Templars' Watchword.
*Grocers' Review.
*Health.
*Home and Colonial Mail.
Illustrated Church News.
Illustrated London News, 3 copies.
*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents).
*Industries and Iron.
*Invention.
Irish Tribune.
*Iron and Coal Trades Review.
*Jarrow Express.
*Jarrow Guardian.
*Journal of the Society of Arts, 2 copies.
Judy, 2 copies.
Lady.
Land and Water.
Literary World.
*Local Government Journal.
Mark Lane Express.
*Medium and Daybreak.
Mining Journal.
*Musical News (Miss H. Werner).
Nature.
Newcastle Courant.
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, 2 copies.
Northern Weekly Leader, 2 copies.
Notes and Queries.
Phonetic Journal.
*Photographic Work.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Poor Law Officer's Journal.
Punch, 2 copies.
Queen.
Railway Record.
*Railway Review.
*Rural World.
Saturday Review.
Speaker.
Spectator.
*Spinning Wheel.
Stage.
Truth.
*Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society Weekly Notes and Programme.
*University Correspondent.
*Vegetarian.
Woman's Signal.
World, The.

BI-MONTHLIES :—
Magasin Pittoresque, 2 copies.
Mining.
Revue des Deux Mondes.

MONTHLIES :—
All the Year Round.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter.
Army List.
Art Journal.
Atlantic Monthly.
Blackwood's Magazine.
*British Clayworker.
*Building World.
Cassell's Family Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
*Child's Guardian.
*China's Millions.
*Christian Home Treasury, 2 copies.
*Church Missionary Gleaner, 2 copies (Miss Davies).
*Church Reformer.
*Colliery Manager.
Contemporary Review.
Cornhill Magazine.
*Cottager and Artisan.
*Deliverer.
Deutsche Rundschau.
*Educational Times.
English Illustrated Magazine.
Expositor.
*Financial Reformer.
*Fire and Water.
*Foresters' Miscellany.
Fortnightly Review.
*Free Gardeners' Journal.
*Free Life (A. Herbert, Esq.).
*Free Russia.
*Geographical Journal (Dr. R. Spence Watson).
*Glad Tidings.
Good Words.
Harper's Monthly.
*Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (Sir J. W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P.).
*Journal of the Clerk of Works Association.
Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.
Journal of the Royal United Service Institution.
*Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry (B. S. Procter, Esq.).
*King's Own.
Knowledge.
*Labour Gazette.
Leisure Hour.
Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator (2 copies).
Library Journal.
Library.
Longman's Magazine.
*Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds' Magazine.

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*
*Machinery Market.
Macmillan's Magazine.
Magazine of Art.
*Monthly Journal of Professional Musicians.
*Musical Herald.
*Musical Times.
*National Church.
National Review.
*Natural Food.
*Nature Notes: the Selborne Society's Magazine.
Nautical Magazine.
Navy List.
*New Church Magazine.
New Review.
*Night and Day.
Nineteenth Century.
*Nonconformist Musical Monthly.
North American Review.
*Northern Health Messenger.
*Oddfellow's Magazine.
*Optical Magic Lantern Journal and Photographic Enlarger.
*Our Own Gazette.
*Personal Rights Journal.
*Photogram.
*Phrenological Magazine.
*Positivist's Review.
*Post.
*Printer's Register.
*Printing World (Mr. W. J. Burrill).
*Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (Sir J. W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P.)
*Proceedings of the Royal Society.
*Protestant Observer.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
Science Gossip.
*Season.
*Shipping World.
*Son of Temperance.
Strand Magazine.
Student, 2 copies.
Temple Bar Magazine.
Theatre Magazine.
*University Extension Journal (E. T. Nisbet, Esq.)
*Vaccination Inquirer.
*Vegetarian Messenger.
Violin Times.
Vom Fels zum Meer.
Westminster Review.
*Young Men's Magazine, 4 copies.
*Zoophilist.

QUARTERLIES :—
American Journal of Mathematics.
Church Quarterly Review.
Dublin Review.
Edinburgh Review.
*Emigrant.
*English Woman's Review.
*Heretic (Capt. C. Tucker).

QUARTERLIES—*Continued.*

*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
*Investigator.
Journal of the Anthropological Institute
Journal of Microscopical Science.
*Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.
*Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland (Sir J. W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P.)
*Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Alderman W. D. Stephens, J.P.)
London Quarterly Review.
Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica.
*Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society.
Quarterly Musical Review.
Quarterly Review.
Reliquary.
*Transactions of the Federated Institution of Mining Engineers (Sir B. C. Browne, D.C.L.)

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL:—

*Canadian Gazette.
*Cape Argus.
*Western World.

RAILWAY AND OTHER GUIDES:—

Bradshaw's Railway Guide.
*Caledonian Railway.
*Cambrian Railway.
*Cook's Excursionist.
*Glasgow and South Western Railway.
*Great Eastern Railway.
*Great North of Scotland Railway.
*Great Northern Railway.
*Great Southern and Western Railway of Ireland.
*Great Western Railway.
*Highland Railway.
*Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.
*London and North Western Railway.
*London and South Western Railway.
*London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
*London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.
*Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.
*Midland Railway.
*Newcastle Penny ABC Railway Time Table, 2 copies.
*Newcastle Railway Guide.
*North British Railway.
*North Eastern Railway.
*South Eastern Railway.

DONATIONS.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Accountants and Auditors, The Society of, London	1	..
Accountants, The Institute of Chartered, London	1	..
Allen, W. H. & Co., London ..	1	..
America, United States of, Government of the	2	..
Anderton (B.) B.A., Whitley ..	2	..
Argentine Republic, Government of the	..	4
Armstrong (H. E.) D.Hy., Newcastle-upon-Tyne	..	3
Atherstone (M.E.), Bridgewater..	58	6
Beesley (E.S.), London	1	..
Board of Trade	3	..
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British Association, Council of the, London	1	..
British Shipmasters' and Officers' Protection Society, Sunderland	1	..
Buchanan (W.), Wimbledon ..	19	2
Burt (H. M.), Massachusetts, U.S.A.	1	..
Button (T. C.), Gosforth	2	..
Canada, The Government of ..	2	..
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Cobden Club, Committee of the, London	..	6
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Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., Liverpool..	1	..
Currie & Co., D., London ..	1	..
Currie & Co., J., Newcastle-upon-Tyne	..	1
Dehli (O.), Norway	..	1
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Dublin University, The Senate of	2	..
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Durham County Council.. ..	1	..
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Edison and Swan, United Electric Light Co., Ltd.	1	..
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Engineers, Civil, Institution of, London	5	2
Engineers, Mechanical, Institution of, London	1	..
Fisk (F.), London	2	..
Flowers (Robert), *Councillor*, F.A.I., Newcastle-upon-Tyne ..	2	..
Foster (Emily), Manchester ..	1	..
Gibson (J.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	..
Glasgow University, The Senate of	1	..
Hodgkin (T.), D.C.L., Newcastle-upon-Tyne	4	3
Hospital Sunday Fund	..	1
Hoult (P.), Dublin	1	..
Howard Association, The London	1	9
International Maritime Congress	1	..
Ireland, Royal University, Senate of	1	..
Irish Unionist Alliance, Dublin..	3	..
Jack (T. G.), London	3	..
Jeaffreson (Dr. C. S.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2	..
Jephson (H.), London	2	..
Jepson's Mercantile Directory, Ltd.	2	..
Johnson (I. C.), J.P., Gravesend, Kent	..	1
Lewis (J. K.), London	..	1
LIBRARIES :—		
Africa, South Kimberley ..	..	1
America, United States of :—		
Boston, Massachusetts ..	..	1
Cornell University	..	2
Harvard University	..	2
Jersey City	1	3
Los Angelos	..	2
Maimonides Library ..	..	1
Peoria	..	1
Philadelphia, Library Company of	..	1
Aston Manor Public Library ..	..	1
Bank of England Library ..	..	1
Barking Public Library ..	..	1
Barrow-in-Furness Public Library	..	1
Belfast Public Library.. ..	..	1
Birkenhead Public Library ..	..	1
Birmingham Public Library ..	..	1
Blackburn Public Library ..	..	1
Blackpool Public Library ..	..	1
Bodleian Library	..	1
Bolton Public Library	..	1
Bootle Public Library	..	1
Bradford Public Library ..	..	1
Brighton Public Library ..	..	1
Cambridge Library Syndicate	..	1
Cambridge Public Library ..	..	1
Canada :—		
Hamilton Public Library ..	..	1
Toronto Public Library ..	..	1
Cheltenham Public Library ..	..	1
Clitheroe Public Library ..	..	1
Coventry Public Library ..	..	1
Darlington Public Library ..	..	1
Darwen Public Library ..	..	1
Derby Public Library	..	1
Devon and Exeter Public Library	..	1
Doncaster Public Library ..	..	1
Dundee Public Library ..	..	1
Ealing Public Library.. ..	..	1
Folkestone Public Library ..	..	1
Gateshead Public Library ..	1	1
Glasgow Baillies' Institution ..	..	1
Gosport Public Library ..	..	1
Hanley Public Library ..	..	1
Hove Public Library	..	1
Hull, Eastern, Public Library	1	5
Jarrow Mechanics' Institute ..	..	1
Leamington Spa Public Library	..	1
Leeds Public Library	..	1
Leicester Public Library ..	..	1
Liverpool Public Library ..	..	1
London :—		
Battersea Public Library ..	..	1
British Museum	6	28
Camberwell Public Library	..	1
Clapham Public Library ..	..	1
Clerkenwell Public Library	..	1
Fulham Public Library ..	..	1
Guildhall Library	..	1
Hammersmith Public Library	..	1
Holborn Public Library ..	..	1
Lewisham Public Library ..	..	1
Minet Public Library ..	..	1
Richmond Public Library ..	..	1
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, Public Library	..	1
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Public Library	..	1
Stoke Newington Public Library	..	1
Streatham Public Library ..	..	1
Twickenham Public Library	..	1
Westminster Public Library	..	1
Manchester Public Library ..	..	1
Middlesbro' Public Library ..	..	1
Nicholson Institution, Leek ..	..	2
Nottingham Public Library ..	..	1
Oldbury Public Library ..	..	1
Plymouth Public Library ..	..	1
Portsmouth Public Library ..	..	1
Rochdale Public Library ..	..	1
St. Helens Public Library ..	..	1
Salford Public Library ..	..	1
Shakespeare Memorial Library	..	1
Sheffield Public Library ..	..	1

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Smethwick Public Library ..	..	1
Southport Public Library ..	..	1
Stafford Public Library ..	..	1
Sunderland Public Library ..	..	1
Swansea Public Library ..	..	1
Thornby-on-Tees Public Library	1	1
Tonbridge Public Library ..	..	1
Tynemouth Public Library ..	..	1
Watford Public Library ..	..	1
Wednesbury Public Library ..	..	1
Wigan Public Library	..	2
Wolverhampton Public Library	..	1
Yarmouth Public Library ..	..	1
Liverpool University College, Council of	1	..
London Anti-Vivisection Society	..	1
Lords Commissioners of H.M. Treasury	2	..
Low (Sampson) & Co., London ..	1	..
McEwen (R.), London	..	1
Mahony (J. W.), Birmingham ..	1	..
Manitoba, Government of ..	..	2
Manitoba, Historical and Scientific Society of	..	2
Minet (W.), London	1	..
Maybridge (E.), Philadelphia, U.S.A.	..	1
National Bible Society of Scotland	..	1
National Footpath Preservation Society	..	1
National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	1	1
National Society for Women's Suffrage	..	3
New South Wales, Government of	3	..
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Corporation of	6	..
—— Farmers' Club	4	..
—— School Board	..	2
North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders ..	1	..
North-Eastern Sanitary Inspection Association, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	..	1
Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions	..	1
Northumberland County Council	1	3
Oldham (A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	..
Oliver (Dr. Thomas), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	..	1
Owens College, Manchester, Council of	1	..
Pace (J. J.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2	..
Peace (W.), London	..	1
Pitman & Sons, Bath	20	..
Proctor (B. S.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	..
Quaritch (B.), London	2	..
Queen's College, London.. ..	1	..
Queensland, Government of ..	1	1
Reid & Sons, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1	..
Riddell (Sir John W. B.), *Bart.*, J.P., Rothbury	4	..
Roberts (H. D.), London.. ..	1	..
Robinson (J.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne	..	1
Royal Agricultural Society ..	1	..
Royal Society of London.. ..	1	..
St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London	1	..
Sell (H.)	1	..
Sharp (W.), Derby	1	..
Skinner (W. R.), London ..	1	..
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.	2	..
Sotheran (H.) & Co., London ..	1	..
Stephens (Alderman W. D.), J.P., Newcastle-upon-Tyne	2	..
Thompson (Mrs. Percy), London	1	..
Tyne Improvement Commissioners	..	1
Tyne Port Sanitary Authority ..	..	2
Tyneside Geographical Society ..	2	..
Victoria, Government of .. .	4	2
Wales, North, University College of, Bangor	1	..
Wales, South, University College of, Cardiff	1	..
West (W. J.), London	1	..
Western (R. W.), London ..	1	..
Western Australia, Government of	1	..
Westmoreland County Council ..	..	6
Whittaker & Co., London ..	1	..
Wilson (E.), & Co., London ..	..	1
Women's Suffrage, The National Society for. *See* National Society, &c.		
Yorkshire College, Council of, Leeds	1	..

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

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*Books, Pictures, or other Objects of Art or Interest.

*I bequeath** *to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, either for Exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.*

PUBLICATIONS.

CATALOGUE OF THE LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. 2/-

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING LIBRARY from A.D. 1880 to A.D. 1887. Royal 8vo., Quarter-bound Buckram. 1/-

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, 1880. Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d. (Out of print.)

CATALOGUE OF THE JUVENILE LENDING LIBRARY, NEW EDITION, 1887. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. 3d.

FINDING-LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS, 1881. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. 2d.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE LIBRARIES, 1889. Royal 8vo., Paper Covers. 2d.

LIST OF BOOKS IN EMBOSSED TYPE FOR THE USE OF THE BLIND, 1887. Cr. 4to. 1d.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 48, Paper Covers. 2d.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. 2d.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 40, Paper Covers. 2d.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 30, Paper Covers. 2d.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 28, Paper Covers. 2d.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d.

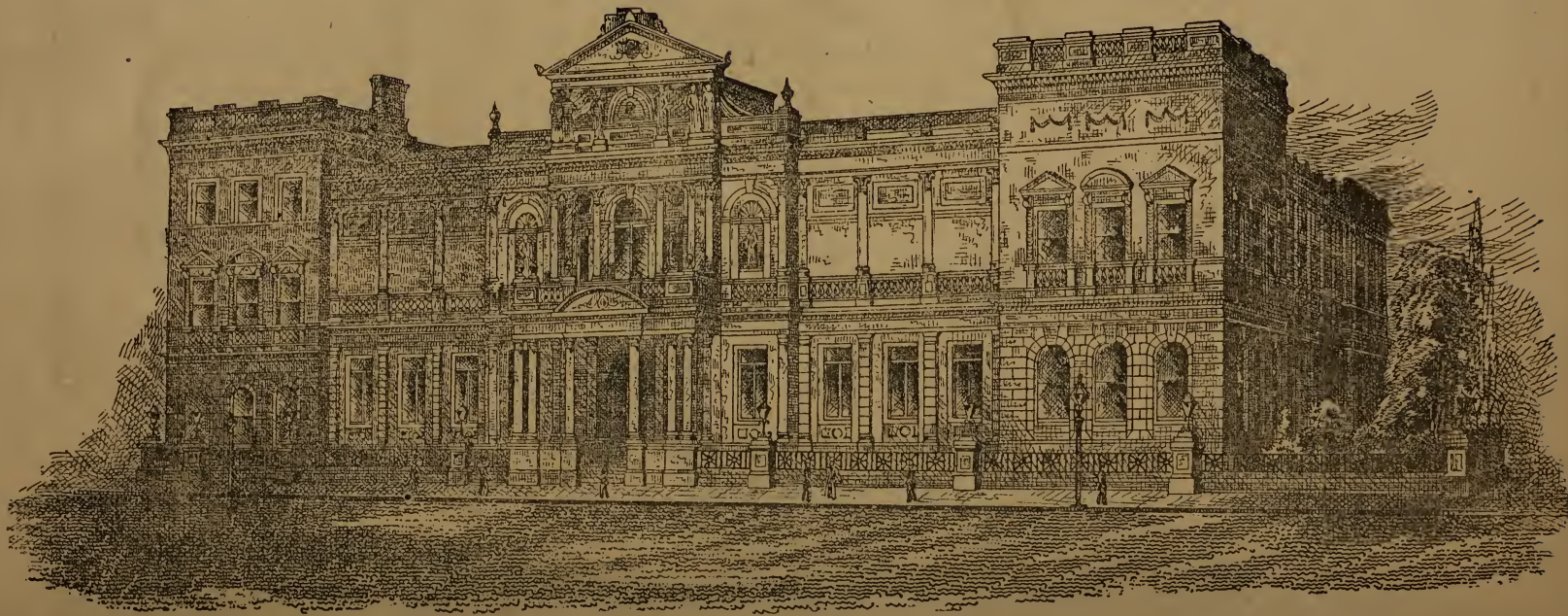
EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 36, Paper Covers. 2d.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 32, Paper Covers. 2d.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 36, Paper Covers. 2d.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT, Royal 8vo., pp. 34, Paper Covers. 2d.



NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

FOURTEENTH REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1894-95

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1895.

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

FOURTEENTH REPORT

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Public Library during the year ended March 25th, 1895.

An increase in the usefulness and in the ready accessibility of some portions of the Library has been made, apart from the steady growth in the number of the books. A large Magazine Room, containing the chief weekly, monthly, and quarterly Journals, was opened on the first day of the new Library year. More freedom was thus secured in the old News Room for those who wished to consult the daily papers and some of the minor weekly and trade Journals; while in the new Room, about 60 readers at a time could quietly, and in greater comfort, examine the more important magazines. At first this Magazine Room was closed on Wednesday afternoons, like the Lending Library; but in September this restriction was, to the convenience of many readers, done away. The issue of Patents has been facilitated by the removal of the Specifications to the Magazine Room, where they too are now available for consultation on Wednesday afternoons, and by the acquisition of the complete sets, so far as they are issued, of the Trade Marks Journal and the Abridgments of Specifications, 1877-83. The

number of Specifications issued is greater by 800 than was the case last year. Again, to promote the comfort of lady readers, a table was in July set apart for their use, and was provided with special papers and journals. The change has, judging from the steady number of readers and the well-thumbed papers, proved welcome.

The land in Higham Place, at the back of the Library, has been the subject of a good deal of negotiation, and we are glad to be now able to state that the Council have approved of the recommendation of the Committee proposing the purchase of a portion of it for purposes of extension.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

There has been a large increase (almost 10,000) in the issues from this department during the year. The total issue was 61,999, as against 52,250 of the previous year.

The pressing need for increased shelf accommodation in the Reference Library has been discussed more than once. To secure temporary relief, alterations in the Thomlinson Library have been planned, giving storage for 4,000 or 5,000 volumes. As the over-crowding, however, has been long-continued, such relief can only be provisional, and the need will quickly arise for larger remedies. The wear of the books due to issuing them from their present closely-packed shelves, gives matter for grave consideration ; and, bearing in mind that in the course of this one year alone 2,157 volumes have been added to this department, one is driven to recognize the necessity for ampler expansion.

Preparations have been made for the speedy resumption of the work of cataloguing, which has been unavoidably postponed. It has been decided to employ a different system henceforth in place of the Card Catalogue. The Card Catalogue drawers are already quite full, and the new scheme (the invention of an Italian Librarian named Sacconi) offers advantages over the old in ease of manipulation, portability, etc.

With regard to the class of books added during the year, it may be noted that while the established interests of the Library have been watched and the important new works secured, in one or two cases somewhat new departures have been made. Thus the value of the Musical Section, hitherto composed only of dictionaries and books on composition, &c., has been increased by the addition of a number of texts and scores ; the importance and popularity of such works

having, after sufficient experience, been already admitted in a number of Libraries, English and other. A complete list of these books will be ready for issue almost at once. The section of Greek and Latin Classics has also been materially enlarged by the acquisition of a number of texts, dictionaries, &c. Several valuable Architectural Works have been secured, and these, together with a number that were previously in the Library, are to be included in a list which the Northern Architectural Association are having printed. Lastly, a number of Blue Books and Parliamentary Papers have, through the initiative of Dr. Spence Watson and the Right Hon. John Morley, M.P., been presented by the Government, and their regular supply will be continued. Lists of these publications have been printed, and will be given to any who may be interested.

Among those whose gifts have enriched the Library during the past year, thanks are due to two Societies for having kindly promised their Journals and Transactions henceforth, free of charge; they are the Society of Chemical Industry, whose previous publications had been presented by Mr. W. B. Proctor, and the Northumbrian Small Pipes Society. The latter Society deals largely with local folk-music, and hence a record of its proceedings finds a fitting home in this Library. It is hoped that other Societies and private inhabitants of the district, recognizing how convenient and desirable it is to have such publications always available for consultation in one central Library, may be led to enrich the Public Library with like gifts.

Of minor matters tending to the convenience of readers, there may be mentioned the provision of a glass-fronted bookcase, in which all newly acquired books are in turn exhibited; and some added facility in the use of the Card Catalogue, given by the insertion of 8 guiding words in each of the 32 drawers.

Rather special attention has this year been given to the question of binding, 781 volumes having been thus secured against dirt and accident. Among them may be mentioned the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books, Journal des Savants, Fortschritte der Physik, Early English Text Society's Publications, &c., &c.

Good work was again done during the last months of 1894, in connection with the Architectural Lectures and Classes, held in the Literary and Philosophical Society's Hall, by Mr. D. H. S. Cranage, University Extension Lecturer. A large number of students availed themselves of the books which were kept here in readiness for their use.

LENDING LIBRARY.

In the Lending Library the Committee are glad to state that the Catalogue has been brought completely up to date. In February the Third List of Additions, which had been compiled under the direction of the late Mr. Haggerston, and which covered the period 1889-93, was printed and published. And now there is ready for issue, in conjunction with this Report, a Rough Classified List of all subsequent additions up to 25th March, 1895.

A few special lists of books have, as different occasions for them arose, been compiled, and either distributed free of charge or exhibited in the Library. Thus a list of guide books and books of travel was prepared in view of the 1894 midsummer holidays; groups of books relating to China and Japan were kept on view when the interest in the war was keenest; and lists of books on Household Economy and Cookery are now being given away, and will gain interest from the work done in this connection by the Technical Instruction Committee.

A census was taken of borrowers who had Library books out for home reading on 23rd March, 1895. It was found that 3,666 tickets were in use in the adult section (828 citizen and 2,838 non-citizen), and 587 in the Juvenile section. A classification of borrowers into their occupations, ages, sexes, wards, etc., is given in tables VII to IX. 1,158 books have been replaced during the year, as against 300 last year; 1,075 books have been bound during the year, as against 570 last year.

A large number of books, which were too much worn for further use in the Library, were presented to the Chadwick Memorial School, the Wellesley Training Ship, the Infectious Diseases Hospital, and the Workhouse.

MAGAZINE ROOM AND NEWS ROOM.

Both rooms have been extremely well attended during the whole year. In the News Room on 25th March, 1895, there were 3,290 visitors, *i.e.*, on the average 250 every hour for the 13½ hours during which it was open. In the Magazine Room on the same day there were 457 readers.

On Sunday, 24th March, 1895, there were 685 visitors.

STOCK-TAKING.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June, 1894, two volumes which had been missing from the Reference Library in the previous year, viz., Tractatus de Deo, and De Notis Ecclesiæ, were found. Of the four volumes reported as missing this year, two have since been discovered. In the Lending Library it was found that nine cheap volumes were missing, but one has since been found.

EMIGRATION.

The work for the Emigrants' Information Office has been continued, and has met all the needs of inquirers. More work was done in the last quarter of 1894 than in previous quarters. The following extract from the Report of the Emigrants' Information Office, 1894, which was presented to Parliament in February, 1895, is of interest:—

"The most successful enquiry branches have been those in the large towns, such as Glasgow, Liverpool, Bradford, Newcastle, Leeds, Cardiff, and Swansea."

Colonial Directories and some valuable Maps have been presented by the Chief Office to the Library.

THOMLINSON LIBRARY.

The long work of cataloguing this collection having been concluded by the late Mr. Haggerston, final arrangements were made for opening the Library to the public on 13th September, 1894, on the occasion of the visit to Newcastle of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions. Sir John W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P., performed the opening ceremony, after addresses, in which the history of the Library was traced, had been given by him and by Alderman H. W. Newton, J.P., Chairman of the Libraries Committee.

CONFERENCES.

The Library Association of the United Kingdom held its Annual Meeting at Belfast, in September, 1894. The Librarian, Mr. Basil Anderton, attended as the Delegate of the Committee, and upon his return submitted a report upon the proceedings, which has since been printed.

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions was held on 13th September, 1894, in Newcastle, at the invitation of the Public Libraries Committee. Addresses, entitled

respectively "The Use of Free Libraries," and "Libraries: their Past, Present, and Future," were given by the President for the year (Alderman Stephen Quin, J.P., Mayor of Newcastle), and by Alderman H. W. Newton, J.P., Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee; and they have been reported at length in the Annual Report of the Union. Later in the day the Thomlinson Library, as already said, was formally opened by Sir J. W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The residue grant received under the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, appropriated by the Council, was allocated as follows by the Committee:—

	£
Royal Grammar School	165
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School	220
Elswick Works Institute	400
Newcastle School Board, for the purposes of Evening Continuation Schools	400
Science and Art Schools, Corporation Street and Heaton Road	1,210
Durham College of Science	1,045
Allan's Endowed Schools	220
Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects to be added to the Technical Instruction Department of the Reference Library at the Public Libraries	150
School of Cookery and Household Economy ...	150
Total ...	£3,960

The total amount to be distributed was £4,368 8s. 5d. The balance was carried forward to 1895. The Books procured for the Library out of the Grant of £150 are included in the list which is printed as an appendix to this Report.

DEATH OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

Two deaths have this year to be recorded. On April 7th, 1894, Councillor James Blakey, a member of the Public Libraries Committee, died of inflammation of the lungs. Mr. Blakey was born in Newcastle in 1834, and throughout his life gave evidence of energy, versatility, and public spirit. As a Commissioner for the Public Library, as a member of Council, and as the able fellow-worker of the late Dr. Rutherford, his services to education and to the City have been alike valuable.

On May 1st, 1894, Alderman William Atkinson Furness died at the age of 73. He was born in Yorkshire, but came to Newcastle many years ago, and was one of the oldest members of the Council. His energy on behalf of Public Parks and Recreation Grounds is well known; and it was on his motion, in 1883, that the Public Libraries Committee decided to open the News Room of the Library on Sunday afternoons.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. HAGGERSTON.

The long illness under which Mr. W. J. Haggerston had suffered, terminated fatally, to the very sincere regret of the Committee, on May 5th, 1894. He was the first Public Librarian of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and had organized and administered the Library for fourteen years, with admirable sagacity and success. Mr. Haggerston was born in 1848. In 1867 he was appointed Assistant Librarian, under Mr. Lyall, to the Literary and Philosophical Society, and in 1871, was selected from among 200 candidates to fill the Chief Librarianship of the newly started Library at South Shields. He left South Shields in 1879, to become Librarian of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Public Library, and from that time onwards proved an energetic public servant to this City.

LIBRARY STAFF.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Haggerston was filled by the election of Mr. Basil Anderton, B.A. (Lond.), who had acted as Chief Assistant for three years, and upon whom, during Mr. Haggerston's long illness, the entire charge of management had devolved. The Committee feel that they have been fortunate in having upon their staff a gentleman who, from experience and education, is admirably qualified to carry on and develop the important work entrusted to him. To him and to his staff the thanks of the community are due, for their earnest, loyal, and courteous service.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

CHAIRMAN.

Town Hall, May 31st, 1895.

Presented to the City Council, and received, June 12th, 1895.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock in the Reference and Lending Libraries during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Added by Purchase	1,592	
By Purchase (Technical Instruction Fund)	154	
By Gift (including 103 volumes of Patents*)	436	
By Transfer from Lending Library	2	
	2,184	
Less—Volumes transferred to Lending Library	27	
		2,157

* This excludes 123 parts of Abridgments of Specifications, 1877-83, which are in course of publication.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Added by Purchase	821	
By Purchase (Juvenile Department)	112	
By Gift	25	
By Transfer from Reference Library	27	
	985	
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	2	
		983
Total additions to Stock for year ended 25th March, 1895		3,140

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Total.
Volumes bound	781	1,075	1,856
Volumes replaced	2	1,158	1,160

List of Books destroyed by Fire in Reference Library, and still requiring to be replaced :—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813.
Belcher's Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur"; edited by Hind, 4to., 1844.
Gray's Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," 2 vols., 4to., 1844.
Guarino's Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus, folio, 1671.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1895, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1894.														
March 26th, to 31st	36	48	83	131	115	60	5	7	86	5	12	588	6	98
April	140	425	744	855	515	354	61	23	471	14	134	3,736	25	149
May	172	389	694	1,110	608	616	101	25	577	22	66	4,380	26	168
June 1st to 23rd inclusive* ..	106	215	531	943	488	964	62	7	343	18	162	3,839	20	192
July 9th to 31st inclusive* ..	112	386	380	661	668	327	92	14	364	26	187	3,217	20	161
August	208	331	489	1,262	840	653	124	7	556	15	678	5,163	26	198
September	285	623	904	1,813	1,008	415	116	6	880	64	397	6,511	25	260
October	306	507	822	1,198	1,222	860	133	18	652	24	121	5,863	27	217
November	138	329	917	1,324	1,164	609	79	14	629	1	679	5,883	26	226
December	245	525	2,421	603	893	376	76	10	1,454	2	222	6,827	22	310
1895.														
January	178	359	605	559	1,154	451	101	..	3,074	5	266	6,752	25	270
February	196	305	656	1,010	1,132	345	271	10	682	49	86	4,751	24	198
March 1st to 25th	121	290	511	1,269	1,102	386	196	6	386	25	197	4,489	21	214
Total Issue in each Class ..	2,243	4,732	9,757	12,747	10,909	6,416	1,417	147	10,154	270	3,207	61,999	293	211
Class Percentage of entire Issue.	3·62	7·63	15·75	20·56	17·59	10·35	2·29	0·24	16·38	0·44	5·17	100·0	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	8	16	33	43	37	22	5	..	35	1	11	..	..	..

* The Reference Library was closed from June 25th to and including July 8th, 1894, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Persons using the Reference Library.

	Readers	Books
Accountants	61	141
Actors and Actresses	30	52
Agents	223	949
Analyst	1	1
Apprentices	44	105
Architects	186	643
— Naval	26	222
Artists	72	283
Assistants, Shop	23	49
Auctioneers	9	52
Bailiffs	8	10
Bakers and Confectioners	2	2
Bankers	14	54
Blacksmiths	29	47
Boilersmiths	20	85
Bookbinders	15	30
Booksellers and Stationers	16	36
Boot and Shoe Makers	107	471
Brassworkers	7	13
Brewers	2	2
Bricklayers	4	4
Brokers	11	71
Brush Makers	14	26
Builders and Contractors	13	29
Butchers	2	2
Cabinet Makers & Upholsterers	12	33
Canvassers	3	5
Caretakers, &c.	7	58
Carpet Cutters	3	3
Carvers and Gilders	9	25
Cashiers	8	11
Chemists and Druggists	72	274
Clergymen and Ministers	243	826
Clerks and Book-keepers	957	2,611
Coach Builders	12	40
Coal Owner	1	4
Commercial Travellers	175	454
Consuls and Vice-Consuls	9	46
Coppersmiths	6	12
Curriers	3	3
Dentist	1	1
Designers	58	142
Drapers	58	227
Draughtsmen	169	764
Dressmakers	30	120
Drillers	2	2
Elocutionists	2	16
Engineers	1,014	2,996
— Civil	49	131
— Electrical	31	66
— Marine	5	18
— Mechanical	15	58
— Mining	8	12
Engravers	11	17
File Cutters	84	186
Fitters and Turners	261	793
Carried forward	4,277	13,333

	Readers	Books
Brought forward	4,277	13,333
Foremen	14	16
Fruiterers and Seedsmen	8	32
Gardeners	11	18
Gas Stokers	3	6
Genealogists	37	170
Glass Cutters	6	8
Grocers & Provision Dealers	32	81
Grooms	4	8
Hairdressers	7	15
Hatters	2	2
Inspectors & Superintendents	13	75
Ironfounders	23	77
Ironmongers	24	37
Jewellers and Watchmakers	18	58
Joiners and Carpenters	88	235
Journalists and Reporters	430	1,908
Labourers	27	79
Lecturers	15	44
Librarians & Library Assistants	55	625
Lithographers	9	27
Machinists	17	37
Managers	14	41
Manufacturers	26	81
Masons	11	23
Mechanics	18	64
Medical Students	18	53
Merchants	121	333
Messengers	6	7
Millers	7	46
Millwrights	2	3
Miners	45	99
Missionaries and Evangelists	7	28
Moulders and Patternmakers	91	235
Musicians	51	125
Nurses	4	5
Officers, Army	17	80
— Naval	2	6
— of H.M. Customs	1	1
— Inland Revenue	10	14
Opticians	28	61
Painters and Paperhangers	40	78
Photographers	13	22
Plasterers	2	3
Platers	3	4
Plumbers	27	51
Policemen	4	11
Polishers	1	2
Porters	12	29
Post-Office Officials	1	2
Printers and Compositors	61	176
Professors of Music	2	2
Railway Officials	17	52
Registrars	3	8
Riveters	5	8
Saddlers	3	4
Carried forward	5,773	18,648

TABLE IV.—*Continued.*

	Readers	Books
Brought forward ..	5,773	18,648
Sailors	15	17
Salesmen	19	77
Sawyers	5	5
School Attendance Officers ..	19	289
Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses	150	1,640
Sculptors	1	3
Secretaries	13	15
Servants	2	4
Shipowners	12	19
Shipwrights	16	26
Shorthand Writers	6	10
Slaters	4	18
Smiths	12	18
Soldiers	9	14
Solicitors	52	1,268
Carried forward ..	6,108	22,071

	Readers	Books
Brought forward ..	6,108	22,071
Storekeepers & Timekeepers ..	3	3
Students	396	968
Surgeons, Doctors, &c. ..	53	919
— Veterinary	10	30
Surveyors	111	374
Tailors and Cutters	18	21
Teachers	647	1,886
Telegraphists	77	145
Tinsmiths	5	6
Tobacconists	6	9
Vergers	4	4
Waiters	2	3
Warders	2	2
Warehousemen	14	28
Wire-Workers	4	4
No Occupation stated.. ..	9,209	35,526
Total	16,669	61,999

TABLE V.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons	No. of Vols. consulted
From 16 to 20	2,590	6,229
From 21 to 30	3,837	9,035
From 31 to 40	1,299	4,634
From 41 to 50	954	3,695
Carried forward	8,680	23,593

	No. of Persons	No. of Vols. consulted
Brought forward	8,680	23,593
From 51 to 60	361	981
From 61 to 80	82	233
Ages not stated ..	7,546	37,192
	16,669	61,999

TABLE VI.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGES, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1894, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1895.

DATE.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages and Travels.	Science, and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology, and Education.	Poetry, and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1894.													
March 26th to 31st	41	162	126	47	26	24	38	1,774	222	452	2,912	4½	647
April	232	839	667	259	129	73	235	8,147	954	2,066	13,601	22½	605
May	216	954	576	294	102	108	181	8,399	934	1,835	13,599	23½	579
June 1st to 23rd inclusive* ..	138	555	328	237	51	56	140	4,995	561	1,163	8,224	17½	470
July 9th to 31st inclusive* ..	169	547	451	261	100	71	153	6,229	708	1,360	10,049	18½	543
August	270	811	591	372	102	127	181	8,489	1,006	1,870	13,819	23½	588
September	278	905	661	397	106	124	241	8,689	1,121	1,669	14,191	23	617
October	314	1,217	759	396	180	136	339	9,107	1,306	1,966	15,720	24½	642
November	340	1,223	859	398	150	163	358	9,791	1,320	2,085	16,687	24	695
December	240	955	600	292	124	117	201	7,744	895	1,737	12,905	20½	630
1895.													
January	265	1,036	631	279	142	125	327	8,947	1,071	1,952	14,775	23	642
February..	328	1,099	643	287	121	140	258	9,261	1,145	2,439	15,721	22	715
March 1st to 25th	368	940	720	368	144	169	272	8,666	1,094	2,123	14,864	19½	762
Total Issue in each Class ..	3,199	11,243	7,612	3,887	1,477	1,433	2,924	100,238	12,337	22,717	167,067	266½	627
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1·92	6·73	4·56	2·33	0·88	0·86	1·75	59·99	7·39	13·59	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	12	42	29	15	6	5	11	376	46	85	627	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed, by order of the Committee, each Wednesday at 1.0 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 25th to and including July 8th, 1894, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE VII.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Lending Library on March 23rd, 1895.

FEMALES.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Artists	1	
Assistants, Shop	4	30
Bookbinders		9
Cashiers		2
Clerks	1	18
Cooks and Confectioners	1	5
Domestic Servants	1	13
Dress and Mantle Makers	6	59
Florist		1
Governess		1
Grocers	1	3
Housekeepers		11
Jeweller		1
Laundresses		2
Licensed Victuallers and Barmaids	1	3
Lodging House Keepers	3	
Machinists		10
Manageresses		2
Carried forward	19	170

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward	19	170
Matrons		4
Milliners		10
Musicians	1	6
Nurses		5
Packer		1
Saleswomen		4
Scholars and Students		51
Schoolmistresses and Teachers	8	114
Seamstress		1
Shopkeepers	2	2
Storekeeper		1
Tailoresses		2
Telegraphists		4
Town Missionary		1
Upholstresses		3
Waitresses		6
No occupation stated	42	925
Total	72	1,310

MALES.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Accountants	14	5
Agents—Commission, House, Land, Insurance, &c.	26	26
Apprentices		27
Architects	4	16
Artists	4	1
Asphalter	1	
Assistants, Shop	1	10
Auctioneers		2
Bakers and Confectioners	10	3
Belt Makers	1	1
Bicycle Maker	1	
Billiard Markers		2
Boiler Makers	2	6
Bookbinders	4	5
Booksellers and Stationers	4	7
Boot and Shoe Makers	8	8
Bottlers	1	1
Brassfinishers	4	11
Brewers	1	1
Bricklayers	2	6
Brickmakers	1	
Brokers	5	1
Brushmakers	3	
Carried forward	97	139

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward	97	139
Builders and Contractors	3	1
Butchers	2	9
Butler		1
Cab Proprietor		1
Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers	11	23
Caretakers	2	5
Carpet Planners	1	1
Cartmen	1	5
Cartwright		1
Carvers and Gilders	3	1
Cashiers	4	2
Caulker	1	
Chemists and Druggists	10	16
Clergymen and Ministers	5	6
Clerks	82	288
Coach Builder	1	
Coachmen and Grooms	1	8
Collectors	2	3
Commercials	24	19
Cooper		1
Coppersmiths	3	3
Cutlers		1
Carried forward	253	534

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	253	534
Dairymen	1	2
Dentists..	2	2
Doctors of Medicine, Physicians, and Surgeons ..	7	3
Drapers and Clothiers ..	22	34
Draughtsmen	9	15
Drillers	5	1
Drysalters	1	1
Electricians	1	9
Elocutionists	1	1
Engine Driver	1	
Engineers	23	66
— Civil	2	
— Marine	1	
— Mining		2
Enginemen	2	
Engravers and Embossers ..	1	2
Errand Boys		5
Farmers	1	
Fellmongers	2	
Firemen and Stokers		3
Fishmonger		1
Fitters and Turners	27	47
Foremen	5	
French Polishers		3
Fruiterers, Seedsmen, &c. ..	2	3
Furrier		1
Gardeners		3
General Dealers	1	1
Glass Makers, Painters, and Stainers		5
Grocers	26	36
Hairdressers and Perfumers ..		8
Hatters		3
Hawker	1	
Inspectors and Superintendents..	7	12
Iron Founder	1	
Ironmongers	10	8
Jewellers and Watchmakers ..	8	9
Joiners and Carpenters ..	28	28
Journalists	4	5
Labourers	11	31
Lamplighter	1	
Law Writers	3	
Lead Workers	1	1
Leather Dresser and Seller ..	1	
Librarians and Assistants ..		10
Licensed Victuallers and Barmen	3	7
Lithographers	1	5
Machinists	6	6
Managers	8	10
Manufacturers	3	4
Masons		5
Master Mariner		1
Mechanics	1	3
Medical Students		3
Merchants	10	4
Carried forward ..	504	943

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	504	943
Messengers	1	17
Miller	1	
Millwrights	1	1
Miners	1	1
Moulders and Pattern Makers	14	12
Musicians	9	10
Office Boys		11
Officers—H.M. Civil Service ..	1	
— H.M. Customs	5	5
— H.M. Inland Revenue ..	1	
Opticians	1	1
Packers		2
Painters, Glaziers, &c. ..	14	18
Paper Rulers	1	2
Paviors	2	
Pawnbrokers	6	
Photographers	4	3
Picture Framers	1	6
Plasterers	1	2
Platelayer	1	
Platers	3	3
Plumbers	4	13
Police Officers	3	
Porters	2	17
Post Office Officials	2	1
Potters	2	1
Printers and Compositors ..	16	35
Quarrymen	1	1
Quay Master	1	
Railway Employees	13	4
Restaurant Keeper	1	
Rope Maker	1	
Saddlers..	3	3
Sailmakers	1	1
Sailors	3	2
Salesmen	1	6
Sawyer	1	
Scholars and Students ..		116
School Board Officer	1	
Schoolmasters and Teachers	12	28
Secretaries	4	3
Shipbuilder	1	
Shipowner	1	
Shipwrights	2	
Shorthand Writers	1	1
Slaters	1	1
Smiths	8	14
Soapboilers	2	
Solicitors	8	5
Stevedores		3
Storekeepers	3	4
Strikers		4
Surveyors	4	2
Sweeps	1	1
Tailors and Cutters	12	18
Tanners	3	2
Telegraphists	3	22
Ticket Writer	1	
Timber Merchant	1	
Carried forward ..	696	1,345

MALES.—*Continued.*

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	696	1,345
Timekeepers	1	2
Tinplate Workers	2	2
Tobacconists		4
Town Missionaries	4	2
Treasurer—City	1	
Umbrella Maker		1
Veterinary Surgeons		2
Waiters		3
Warders		2
Warehousemen	15	16
Watermen	1	1
Carried forward ..	720	1,380

	Citizens	Non-Citizens
Brought forward ..	720	1,380
Weaver	1	
Weightman	1	
Wharfinger	1	
Whitesmiths	1	3
Wire Worker	1	
No occupation stated	31	145
Total Males	756	1,528
Total Females	72	1,310
	828	2,838
General Total	3,666	

TABLE VIII.

Showing the Ages of Non-Citizen Borrowers using the Lending Library on 23rd March, 1895.

	Males	Females
From 15 to 20	762	480
From 21 to 30	458	392
From 31 to 40	129	96
From 41 to 50	53	66
Carried forward ..	1,402	1,034

	Males	Females
Brought forward ..	1,402	1,034
From 51 to 60	20	24
From 61 to 80	12	14
Ages not stated	94	238
Total ..	1,528	1,310
	2,838	

TABLE IX.

Showing the Number of Readers from each of the Wards in the City using the Lending Library on 23rd March, 1895.

	Citizens	Non-Citizens	Total
St. Nicholas'	9	35	44
St. John's	9	40	49
All Saints' West ..	12	15	27
All Saints' East ..	39	129	168
All Saints' North ..	69	221	290
St. Andrew's South ..	22	60	82
St. Andrew's North ..	57	295	352
Westgate South ..	35	102	137
Westgate North ..	37	135	172
Carried forward ..	289	1,032	1,321

	Citizens	Non-Citizens	Total
Brought forward ..	289	1,032	1,321
Arthur's Hill	141	424	565
Elswick North ..	80	320	400
Elswick South ..	31	157	188
Elswick East	27	117	144
Jesmond	45	172	217
Heaton	147	453	600
Byker	63	163	226
Non-Resident Freemen	5	—	5
Total ..	828	2,838	3,666

TABLE X.

A. Showing the Number of Readers using the News Room and Magazine Room at each hour of the day on Monday, 25th March, 1895.

	Hour	News Room	Magazine Room	Total
A.M.	9.0	50	..	50
	10.0	115	..	115
	11.0	120	22	142
	12.0	91	21	112
P.M.	1.0	77	25	102
	2.0	85	24	109
	3.0	111	32	143
	4.0	89	28	117
	5.0	68	9	77
	6.0	59	14	73
	7.0	67	14	81
	8.0	104	26	130
	9.0	56	17	73

B. Total Readers in News Room and Magazine Room on 25th March, 1895.

The total number of Visits made to the News Room on the above date was 3,290, and to the Magazine Room, 457.

C. Readers in the News Room on Sunday, 24th March, 1895.

The number of Visits to the News Room on 24th March, 1895 (2 to 9 p.m.), was 685.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS ROOMS.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously.
Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library on removal from the News Room tables.
Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room tables.

DAILIES:—

Birmingham Post.
*Daily Express.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
London Daily Telegraph.
London Morning Post.
London Pall Mall Gazette.
London St. James' Gazette.
London Standard.
R London Times.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
R Newcastle Chronicle, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle, 3 copies
Newcastle Evening News, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Journal, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Leader, 3 copies.
*North Star.
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES:—

R Academy.
*Alliance News (Dr. R. S. Watson).
*———-——— (A. Robinson, Esq).
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
R Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel.
*British Architect.
British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Christian World.
Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News.
*Drapers' Record.
*Durham County Advertiser.
*Electrical Engineer.
Electrical Review.
*Electrician.
R Engineer.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Era, The.
*Estates Gazette.
Field.
Figaro.
Fun, 2 copies.
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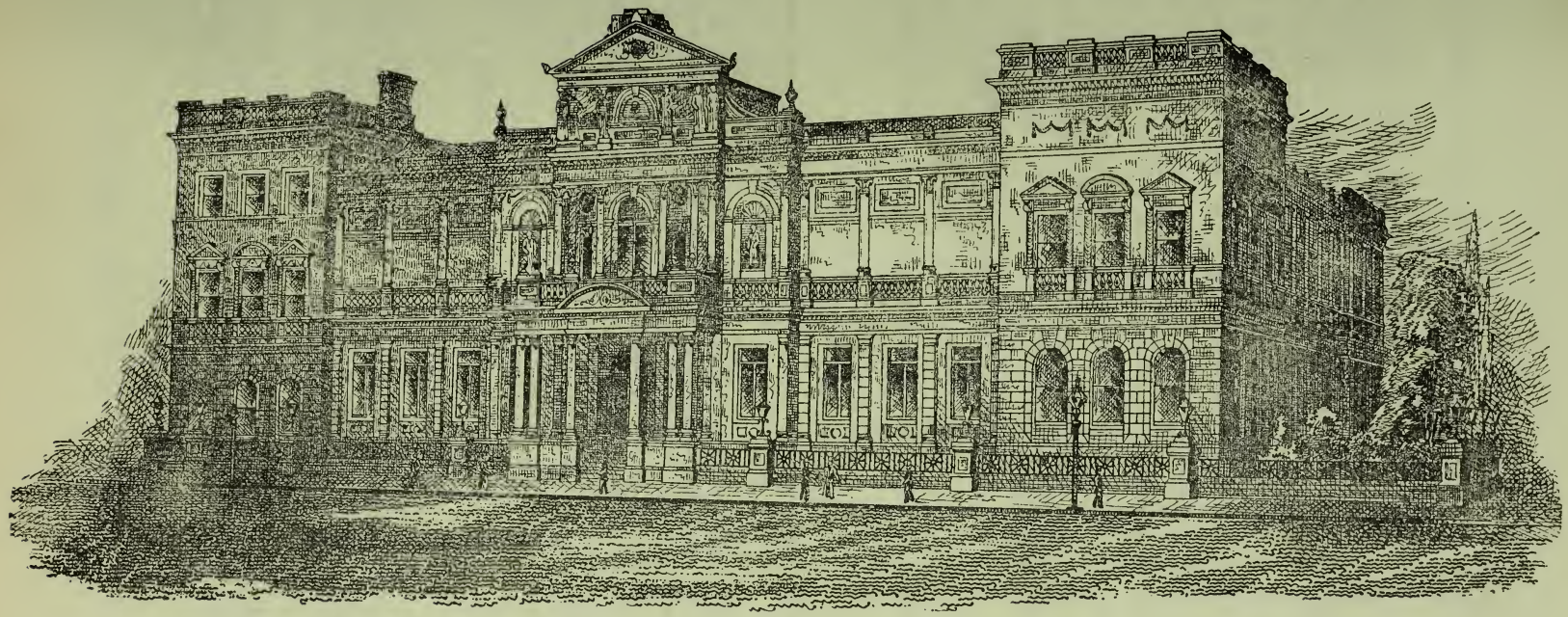

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OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Public Library during the year ended March 25th, 1896.

The work of cataloguing the Reference Library has made great advance. The Card Catalogue has been re-arranged (the author cards having been separated from the subject cards), and to some extent revised; and a type-written catalogue (for both author and subject) of all books not hitherto catalogued, including new accessions, has been, with three exceptions, completed. The author catalogue has been arranged and is already in use; the subject catalogue has not yet been finally arranged. The three exceptions mentioned are the State Papers, the Riddell Library, and the class Miscellaneous Literature. With regard to the State Papers, however, the official catalogue, printed for H.M. Stationery Office, has been adapted to our purposes, and, for the present at least, adequately fulfils our requirements.

Special lists of musical texts, and of books (both in the Reference and Lending Libraries) on angling and architecture have been issued. An "Art List," including the books on fine and decorative arts, again in both Libraries, is also very nearly ready. Finally, there is ready for printing a complete catalogue of all mathematical works in the Reference Library, classified according to subject, and accompanied by an author list.

It will thus be seen that the usefulness and accessibility of the Reference Library are making steady and secure progress.

The whole of the additions to the Lending Library during the year have been catalogued; and, in addition, special lists on Angling, Art, and Astronomy (as already explained), as well as of Foreign Languages, including the Classics, have either been issued, or are now ready for publication. A full list of the Social Science Series, with analysis of contents, prepared by the publishers, has been exhibited.

The Committee have in view the consolidation of the Lending Library catalogue, which is at present comprised in half a dozen separate lists. It would be a classified catalogue, on the lines which were found so popular in last year's list, and would have an author list appended to it, and include accessions up to date.

The plan of exhibiting groups of books on special subjects, mentioned in the last report, has been systematised and developed. Thus 19 collections of books, dealing with the different branches of science and art, have in turn been exhibited for a period of about 10 or 12 days each, during the sessions of the Newcastle colleges; and they have proved of considerable aid to the students. Further, when special lectures have been delivered in the city, books connected with, and illustrating the subjects have been either exhibited or set aside for ready consultation in the Reference department. while a notice to that effect has been conspicuously displayed. In this way the lecturers of the University Extension Societies of Durham and Cambridge, and of the Fabian Society, have been assisted, while Sir R. Ball's lecture on astronomy, and that of Mr. Welford on locally printed works, were also helpfully illustrated. In the case of Sir Robert Ball, indeed, a complete list

of the astronomical books in our Lending Department was compiled and hung up in the Lending Library.

While the public has thus been aided in the studies which lectures in the town have promoted, the interests of the library staff have also received consideration; arrangements having been made, through the courtesy of Principal Gurney, Dr. V. Rutherford, and Mr. Goddard, by which the library assistants could attend certain lectures under their control without charge. Due advantage has been taken of this privilege.

Again, more complete arrangements have this year been made for avoiding any risk of infection from the use of books by people in whose houses there is infectious disease. The Medical Officer of Health now informs us of all cases affecting our library, and any books which could be dangerous are destroyed on their return. All such borrowers, if they have no books out, must henceforth, in accordance with instructions sent them by Dr. Armstrong, give up their tickets until we have received the Medical Certificate of disinfection. Thus they can neither get out, nor return, any books whatever until every risk is past.

Several minor improvements for conducting routine work have been adopted.

With regard to the much vexed question, recently raised once more in the pages of the "New Review," as to the proportion of fiction which it is suitable to add to Public Libraries, the following statistics may be of interest. The money spent on new books for the Lending Library during the year ended March 25th, 1896, has been £186, of which £38 (20.5 %) has been spent on fiction, including works in French, German, and Italian, which have a distinctly educative value to the student of languages. The additions to the Lending stock have been 1,206, of which 260 (22 %) have been fiction. The total expenditure on new books in the Reference and Lending Libraries was £941, of which 4.04 % was spent on fiction. The total additions to the stock of both departments were 3,286 vols., of which fiction formed 7.91 %.

While the issue for the Lending department has slightly increased during the year, the percentage of works of fiction has

decreased by ½ %, it being now 9.46 % of the total. In other words, while the total issue in the Lending Library has increased by 387 volumes, the fiction issue has decreased by 663, shewing an increased issue for non-fictional subjects of over 1,000 volumes. Of these volumes, 576 belong to the class Science, and 299 to the class Belles Lettres, &c.

During the year more than 1,000 volumes in the Lending Library have been withdrawn from circulation and replaced by new copies, while 1,241 volumes have been bound or re-bound. In the Reference Library 2,154 (including 942 volumes of Patents) have been bound. 2,076 new volumes have been added during the year to the Reference Department, 1,210 to the Lending.

As the general character of the readers in the Lending Library has not materially changed, it has not been thought necessary to print the usual Table of Occupations. In the Reference Library some rather considerable changes have occurred, and the table is therefore given.

The negotiations mentioned in the last report for the purchase of part of the land adjoining the Library, in Higham Place, have, during the year, been brought to a successful conclusion, and room is thus provided for an extension of the Library buildings.

STOCK-TAKING.

At the Annual Stock-taking in June-July, 1895, it was found that two small volumes were missing from the Reference Library, and that five volumes were missing from the Lending Library. The total loss from the Reference Department since its foundation in 1884 has now been 6 volumes, and that from the Lending Library 39 volumes.

EMIGRANTS' INFORMATION OFFICE.

The work of the Newcastle branch has been greater than in any previous year, and a very large number of circulars has been distributed. The chief demand has been for information relating to South Africa. Additional colonial directories and gazetteers have recently been granted from the central office, and have already

proved valuable. In the Report of the Office presented to Parliament, on February 20th, 1896, the Committee express their gratitude for the very cordial co-operation of the local centres, speaking again of the energetic work of the Newcastle Branch.

GRANTS IN AID OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

These grants were, as usual, allocated by the Public Libraries Committee, the following being the distribution made:—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
S. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School ...	198	0	0
Elswick Works School	360	0	0
Newcastle School Board, for the purpose of Evening Continuation Schools... ...	360	0	0
Rutherford College (including Heaton Road School)	1,089	0	0
Durham College of Science	940	10	0
Allan's Endowed Schools	198	0	0
Public Library, for purchase of Books on Technical Subjects	135	0	0
School of Cookery and Household Economy	150	0	0
People's Lectures Society, towards cost of Lectures	27	0	0
	£3,606	0	0

CONFERENCES.

Three Conferences, to which the Committee have sent delegates have been held during the year.

The Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions held its Annual Meeting on August 22nd, 1895, at Rothbury, Sir John W. B. Riddell, Bart., J.P., presiding. Councillor Flowers and Mr. Anderton attended on behalf of the Committee.

The Library Association held its Annual Conference at Cardiff, in September (10th to 13th), under the presidency of Lord Windsor. The Librarian attended on behalf of the Committee, and his report has already been printed.

On January 30th, 1896, a Special Meeting of the Library Association was held, for the purpose of revising its constitution, with a view to incorporation by Royal Charter. The delegate of the Committee was, in this case also, the Librarian, Mr. Anderton.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Towards the end of last year this building, situated in Elswick Road, was completed. On September 26th, 1895, at a breakfast given by the donor, Alderman Stephenson (Mayor) formally handed over the library, which bears his name, to the care of the Public Libraries Committee. The Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., (Home Secretary), formally opened the doors, and Alderman Stephens (Deputy Mayor) occupied the chair during the function. The Libraries Committee, after careful discussion of ways and means, having in view also the fact that the building was not yet thoroughly dry, decided to open it, in the first instance, as a Magazine Room and News Room. The needful preparations were accordingly made, and on Saturday, November 30th, the upper floor was thrown open to the public. Some 78 papers, etc., are now provided, and the average daily attendance of readers is over 400. A table, for the especial convenience of lady readers, has since been set apart, and is proving popular. A full list of Magazines and papers is given in the appendix.

LIBRARY STAFF.

The Committee, in concluding their Report, wish to express their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Chief Librarian, Mr. Basil Anderton, B.A. (Lond.), and the admirable manner in which he has conducted the business of the Libraries; also of the work of his staff, who have loyally seconded his efforts. It is pleasing to note the unanimity and good feeling existing among the members of the staff, all of whom are taking that deep interest in Library work, which doubtless will qualify them to become efficient librarians.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON,

Town Hall, April 24th, 1896. CHAIRMAN

Presented to the City Council, May 6th, 1896.
Adopted by the City Council, May 6th, 1896.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock in the Reference and Lending Libraries during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)	1,428	
By Purchase (Technical Instruction Fund)	213	
By Gift (including 149 volumes of Patents)	393	
By Magazines bound from News Room	145	
By Transfer from Lending Library	8	
	2,187	
Less—Volumes transferred to Lending Library, etc.	110	
		2,077

LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Adult Department)	927	
By Purchase (Juvenile Department)	119	
By Gift	26	
By Magazines bound from News Room	44	
By Transfer from Reference Library	102	
	1,218	
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	8	
		1,210
Total additions to Stock for year ended 25th March, 1896		3,287

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Total.
Volumes bound	*2,154	1,241	3,395
Volumes replaced	1	1,027	1,028

*Includes 942 Volumes of Patents.

List of Books destroyed by Fire in Reference Library, and still requiring to be replaced:—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to., Cambridge, 1813.
Bentham (G.) Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur;" edited by Hinds. 4to. 1844.
Guarini (C. G.) Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus. Folio, 1671.
Hinds (R. B.) Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur." 2 vols., 4to., 1844.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1896, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1895.														
March 26th to 31st	19	78	166	191	297	75	53	..	48	32	16	975	5	195
April	153	260	624	1050	1324	356	296	7	464	32	224	4790	24	200
May	120	146	612	1486	1431	366	249	34	595	11	104	5154	27	191
June 1st to 22nd inclusive* ..	96	300	496	1631	872	533	28	60	282	288	23	4609	18	256
July 8th to 31st inclusive* ..	148	211	460	1802	1387	309	106	3	420	57	291	5194	21	247
August	134	288	510	2149	1695	468	211	8	646	17	415	6541	27	242
September	132	375	423	1177	1670	531	36	11	601	8	384	5348	25	214
October	115	742	688	2150	1713	566	255	11	548	7	178	6973	27	258
November	241	465	611	1195	1484	575	177	12	898	87	155	5900	26	227
December	128	372	471	1646	1154	460	47	20	459	17	284	5058	22	230
1896.														
January	143	312	782	1240	1488	417	45	7	682	32	405	5553	25	222
February	222	539	726	1703	1462	509	116	2	850	21	351	6501	25	260
March 1st to 25th	365	248	574	1081	1226	412	49	3	820	2	410	5190	21	247
Total in each class	2,016	4,336	7,143	18,501	17,203	5,577	1,668	178	7,313	611	3,240	67,786	293	231
Class percentage of entire Issue	3.00	6.39	10.53	27.30	25.38	8.22	2.46	0.26	10.78	0.90	4.78	100.00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	7	15	24	63	59	19	6	..	25	2	11	231	..	..

*The Library was closed from June 23rd to July 7th inclusive, for the Annual Stocktaking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Reference Library.

	Readers	Books
Accountants	55	153
Actors and Actresses	31	84
Agents	221	669
Analysts	10	20
Apprentices	151	275
Architects	245	555
Artists	53	123
Auctioneers	2	29
Bailiff	1	1
Bakers	2	2
Bankers	2	4
Blacksmiths	23	64
Boilersmiths	15	21
Bookbinders	9	13
Booksellers	90	211
Boot and Shoe Makers	37	199
Brass Workers	14	16
Brewer	1	1
Bricklayers	8	12
Brokers	6	7
Brushmaker	1	1
Builders	24	46
Butchers	5	10
Cabinet Makers	18	35
Caretakers	3	5
Carpet Cutters	3	4
Cartman	1	2
Carvers and Gilders	35	67
Cashiers	12	25
Chemists	174	327
Clergymen and Ministers	247	724
Clerks and Bookkeepers	1,109	2,410
Coachbuilders	3	3
Commercial Travellers	174	354
Consul	1	2
Curriers	2	2
Customs Officers	27	59
Dentists	2	2
Designers	49	98
Domestic Servants	2	2
Drapers	59	223
Draughtsmen	236	525
Driller	1	1
Electricians	92	167
Elocutionists	4	11
Engineers	1,041	2,656
— Civil	31	161
— Marine	11	13
— Mining	20	25
Engravers	15	25
Farmer	1	1
Fitters	130	281
Foremen	5	12
Fruiterers	14	34
Carried forward	4,528	10,772

	Readers	Books
Brought forward	4,528	10,772
Gardeners	11	20
Genealogists	47	160
Glass Cutters	10	15
Grocers	40	108
Hairdressers	3	3
Hatters	3	8
Inland Revenue Officers	5	5
Inspectors & Superintendents	29	38
Iron Founders	13	39
Ironmongers	6	10
Jewellers and Watchmakers	45	229
Joiners and Carpenters	81	224
Journalists	156	532
Labourers	28	64
Lecturers	12	76
Librarians	25	58
Lithographers	3	3
Machinists	24	30
Managers	29	56
Manufacturers	57	174
Masons	2	2
Mechanics	41	57
Medical Students	33	71
Merchants	42	119
Messenger	1	1
Miller	1	1
Miners	31	64
Missionaries	6	6
Moulders	35	49
Musicians	45	127
Naval Architects	22	48
Officers, Army and Navy	13	68
Opticians	7	14
Painters	28	43
Patternmakers	65	145
Photographers	27	43
Platers	3	7
Plumbers	10	21
Policemen	2	5
Polishers	9	32
Porters	5	5
Post Office Officials	8	13
Printers	56	92
Provision Dealer	1	2
Railway Official	1	1
Sailors	36	49
Salesmen	47	296
School Attendance Officers	15	181
School Masters & Mistresses	161	432
Sculptors	21	43
Secretaries	25	84
Shipowners	2	3
Shipwrights	13	49
Carried forward	5,969	14,797

TABLE IV.—*Continued.*

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	5,969	14,797
Shop Assistants	54	314
Smiths	9	14
Soldiers	16	28
Solicitors	47	184
Students	633	1,427
Surgeons	75	138
Surveyors	109	611
Tailors and Cutters ..	18	25
Teachers	687	1,988
Telegraphists	110	194
Timekeeper	1	1
Carried forward ..	7,728	19,721

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	7,728	19,721
Tobacconist	1	1
Turners	5	9
Vergers	4	6
Veterinary Surgeon ..	1	1
Waiters	3	3
Warehousemen	21	50
Wire Workers	16	86
	7,779	19,877
No occupations ..	5,028	47,909
	12,807	67,786

TABLE V.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20 ..	1,977	4,147
From 21 to 30 ..	2,824	6,704
From 31 to 40 ..	1,147	3,062
From 41 to 50 ..	454	1,210
Carried forward ..	6,402	15,123

	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward..	6,402	15,123
From 51 to 60 ..	364	889
From 61 to 80 ..	143	414
Ages not stated ..	5,898	51,360
	12,807	67,786

TABLE VI.—LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1895, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1896.

DATE.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1895.													
March 26th to 31st	75	213	171	91	68	43	42	1845	221	459	3228	4½	717
April	328	928	708	339	131	156	253	8694	1029	2259	14825	22	674
May	280	892	672	228	108	154	332	8472	899	2263	14300	24½	584
June 1st to 22nd inclusive* ..	121	410	347	154	62	66	105	4278	467	1054	7064	15½	456
July 9th to 31st inclusive* ..	193	497	460	201	83	84	128	6398	626	1435	10105	19	532
August..	273	867	690	357	87	155	263	9024	906	1996	14618	24	609
September	231	937	792	314	94	131	220	8578	1001	2057	14355	23	624
October	406	892	918	349	138	154	250	8949	970	2270	15296	24½	624
November	275	1094	806	351	166	176	214	9586	1107	2505	16280	24	678
December	194	842	571	288	97	127	185	7697	886	2184	13071	20½	638
1896.													
January	307	1013	679	276	123	147	191	9243	1029	2483	15491	23	674
February	370	1091	779	328	133	169	248	9281	1049	2455	15903	23	691
March 1st to 25th	266	827	595	252	182	170	196	7530	815	2085	12918	19	679
Total issue in each Class ..	3319	10,503	8,188	3,528	1,472	1,732	2,627	99,575	11,005	25,505	167,454	266½	628
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1.98	6.27	4.89	2.11	0.88	1.04	1.57	59.46	6.57	15.23	100.00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class ..	12	39	31	13	6	6	10	374	41	96	628	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at 1 o'clock p.m.

*The Lending Libraries were closed from June 24th to and including July 7th, 1895, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS ROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.

Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library on removal from the News Room tables.

Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room tables.

DAILIES:—

Birmingham Post.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
London Daily Telegraph.
London Morning Post.
London Pall Mall Gazette.
London St. James's Gazette.
London Standard.
R London Times.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Leader, 3 copies.
Newcastle Daily News, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle, 3 copies.
*North Star (Publishers).
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES:—

R Academy.
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette (Publishers).
*Alliance News (Dr. R. S. Watson).
*——————(A. Robinson, Esq.).
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
R Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel (J. G. Taylor, Esq.).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
R*British Architect (Publishers).
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Christian World.
R Colliery Guardian.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
*Drapers' Record (Publishers).
*Drapery World (E. Fowler, Esq.).
R*Electrical Engineer (Publishers).
R Electrical Review.
*Electrician (Publisher).
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Era, The.
*Estates Gazette (S. F. Riches, Esq.).
Exchange and Mart. *See* Bazaar.
Field.
Figaro.
Fun, 2 copies.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gas World.
R Gentlewoman.
*Good Templars' Watchword.
R Graphic, 3 copies.
*Grocers' Review, The Northern Counties (The Company).
*Health (Publisher).
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
Illustrated Church News.
R Illustrated London News, 3 copies.
R*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents). (Patent Office).
*Invention (Publishers).
*Irish Tribune (Publishers).
R*Iron and Coal Trades Review (Publisher).
*Jarrow Express (Publishers).
*Jarrow Guardian (Publishers).
Judy, 2 copies.
Lady.
Land and Water.
Literary World.
R*Local Government Journal (Publisher).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
R Musical News.
R Nature.
Newcastle Courant.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, 2 copies.
Northern Weekly Leader, 2 copies.
R Notes and Queries.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Poor Law Officers' Journal (Publishers).
R Punch, 2 copies.
Queen.
Railway Record.
*Railway Review (Publisher).
*Rural World (Publishers).
R Sanitary Record.
R Saturday Review.
R Speaker.
R Spectator.
*Spinning Wheel (Publisher).
Stage.
*Technical World, *now* Education (Publishers).
*Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office).
Truth.
R*University Correspondent (Publisher).
*Vegetarian (Newcastle Dietetic Reform Society).
Woman's Signal.
*Worcester Herald (Publisher).
Work.
World, The.

BI-MONTHLIES :—

*Bible Advocate (Publishers).
*Insurance Spectator (Publishers).
L Magasin Pittoresque, 2 copies.
Mining.
*Post. (Fawcett Association).
R Revue des Deux Mondes.
R Vom Fels zum Meer.

MONTHLIES :—

*Animals' Friend (Miss P. Lowry).
*Animals' Guardian (R. H. Jude, Esq.).
R Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter (Publisher).
*Arms and Explosives (Publishers).
Army List.
R Art Journal.
*Assurance Agents' Review (Publishers).
L Atlantic Monthly.
L & R Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookseller.
*British Clayworker (Publisher).
L Cassell's Family Magazine.
L & R Century Magazine.
L & R Chambers's Journal.
*Child's Guardian (Local Sec. N.S.P.C.C.).
*China's Millions (B. Snowden, Esq.).
*Christian Home Treasury, 2 copies (Publishers).
*Church Missionary Gleaner, 2 copies (Miss Davies).
*Church Reformer (W. Luckley, Esq.).
*Colliery Manager (Publisher).
L & R Contemporary Review.

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

L Cornhill Magazine.
Cosmopolis.
*Cottager and Artisan (Publishers).
*Deliverer (Publishers).
L Deutsche Rundschau.
*Educational Times (F. Hodgson, Esq.).
*Engineers' Gazette (H. M. Wilson, Esq.).
L English Illustrated Magazine.
R Expositor.
*Financial Reformer (Publishers).
*Fire and Water (Publishers).
*Foresters' Miscellany (Publisher).
L & R Fortnightly Review.
*Free Gardeners' Journal (Editor).
*Free Life (A. Herbert, Esq.).
*Free Russia (The English Society of Friends of Russian Freedom).
R Gentleman's Magazine.
*Glad Tidings (J. Leadbitter, Esq.).
L Good Words.
L Harper's Monthly.
*Hochschul Nachrichten (Publishers).
Household Words.
*Insurance Agent (Publisher).
*Inventors' Review (E. Eslott, Esq.).
R Knowledge.
R*Labour Gazette (Labour Department of the Board of Trade).
*Labour Prophet (H. C. Rowe, Esq.).
L Leisure Hour.
R Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator, 2 copies (Publisher).
R Library.
R Library Journal.
R Literary News.
L Longmans' Magazine.
*Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds' Magazine (D. S. M. Guthrie, Esq.).
L Macmillan's Magazine.
R Magazine of Art.
*Mariner, The (G. N. Bankes, Esq.).
*Minstrel (Publisher).
*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
*Musical Herald (Publishers).
R*Musical Times (Publishers).
*National Church (Publishers).
R National Review.
*Natural Food (Editor).
R Nautical Magazine.
Navy List.
R*New Church Magazine (C. G. Cavit, Esq.).
R New Review.
*Night and Day (Local Branch of Dr. Barnardo's Homes).
L & R Nineteenth Century.
*Nonconformist Musical Monthly (Publisher).
R North American Review.
*Oddfellows' Magazine (Publishers).

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

*Optical Magic Lantern Journal and Photographic Enlarger (Publisher).
L Organist and Choirmaster.
*Our Own Gazette (Editor, Mrs. Menzies).
*Personal Rights Journal (Personal Rights Association.)
R Photogram.
*Phrenological Magazine (A. Hubert, Esq.).
Picture Politics.
R*Positivists' Review (E. S. Beesly, Esq.).
*Printers' Register (Publishers).
*Printing World (W. J. Burrill, Esq.).
*Protestant Observer (J. F. Shaw and Co.).
L Quiver.
R Review of Reviews.
R Science Gossip.
*Season (Publishers).
Senate.
R*Shipping World (Publisher).
Son of Temperance (J. Gibson, Esq.).
L Strand Magazine.
L Strand Musical Monthly.
L Temple Bar Magazine.
L Theatre Magazine.
*University Extension Journal (E. T. Nisbet, Esq.).
*Vaccination Inquirer (E. N. Allen, Esq.).
*Vegetarian Messenger(Newcastle Dietetic Reform Society).
*Violin Times (Miss Werner).
R Westminster Review.
*Zoöphilist (Victoria Street and International Society for Protection of Animals from Vivisection).

QUARTERLIES :—

R Annals of Botany.
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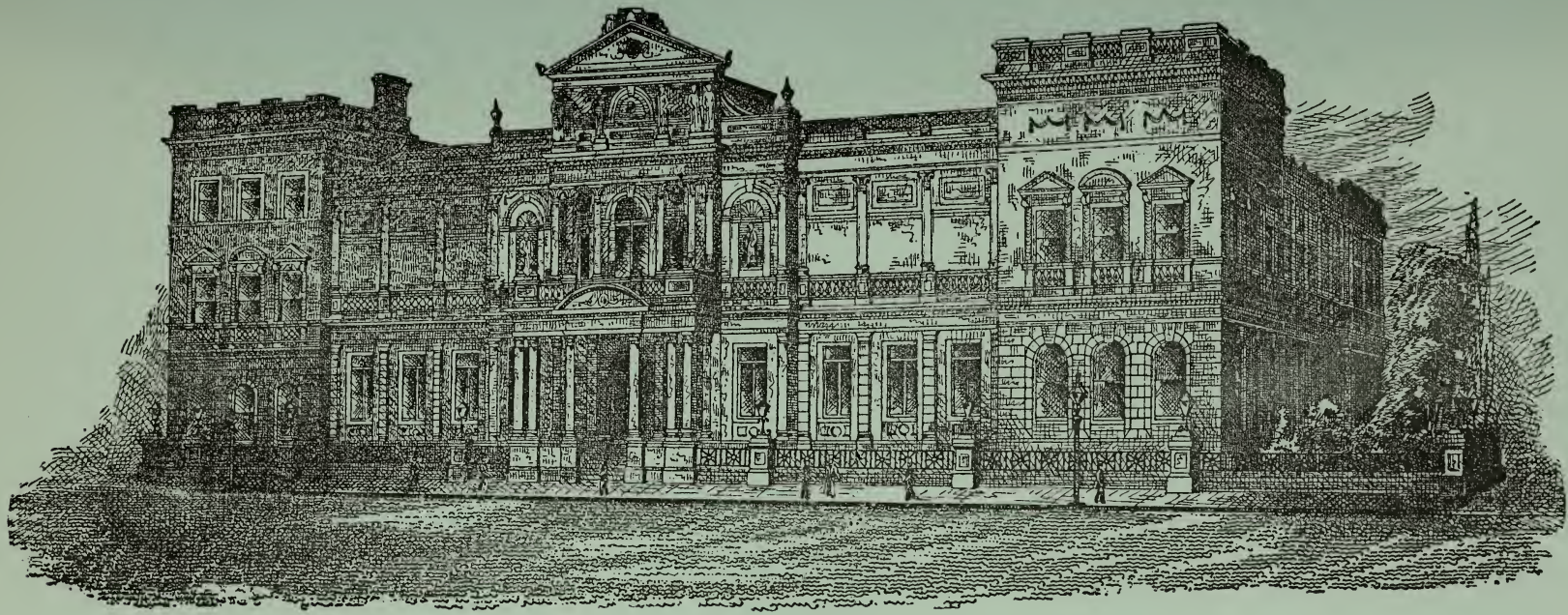

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OF THE

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Though the issues of the Reference Library as a whole show an increase—being, in fact, the most numerous issues on our records—there is yet abundant room for expansion; and this expansion will be greatly fostered when scholars and students can, at their leisure, and in their own studies, ascertain the resources we can offer them. It is thus very desirable that the various catalogues which have been prepared should be printed at the earliest possible opportunity. The catalogues of books on Fine Arts (Reference and Lending), Blue Books (Reference), and Mathematics (Reference), are arranged according to subject, and are completely ready for the press. The printing of the Mathematical Catalogue (which includes also an author list), though foreshadowed in the last report, has been postponed owing to lack of funds. Various other guides

and indexes have been compiled to facilitate reference to particular subjects, and the work of lecturers in the City has been furthered by the grouping and exhibition of books on their special branches of study.

In the Reference Library, even more than in the Lending Department, the Committee endeavour to build up a collection of books that shall answer the requirements of strenuous students and scholars whenever made, either at the present time, or in the future. Whilst in the Lending Library, they are able to secure much, both in science and in literature, which is of lasting excellence, they are often constrained to add not a little that is comparatively ephemeral; for it is to the Lending Library that the general reader, who seeks recreation mainly, most willingly resorts. The Committee recognise the advantages which such recreative works can offer; but they often find that the interest in these books is transient, and that the stock of this part of the library needs, to a large extent, periodical changing and cancelling. They hold, however, that the Reference Library must be a storehouse of what is undying in history, in science, in literature. Here must be gathered up those records and original documents on which students, in the last resort, build as on a sure foundation. The function of the Committee is therefore Janus-like. Whilst alert to accumulate the treasures of the past, they will watchfully anticipate the inevitable needs of the future. The sources on which the historian and the scholar will depend must be now, from week to week, as occasion allows, provided. In this way only will there be ultimately established a really great library which shall draw to Newcastle such men as will confer, by their writings and their discoveries, lasting fame and enrichment upon the city. Already men come from far and near to study here; and their coming is alike a pecuniary and an intellectual gain to Newcastle. Much, however, yet remains to be done; and the Committee earnestly hope for the support of the Council, no less than of the public at large, in the faithful discharge of the important duties that are imposed on them.

It is on such lines as these that other cities have developed their great libraries. In the provision of books, they have fostered alike the *literæ humaniores*, and the special industries of their districts, and have reaped much advantage and wealth from the work of the

inventors—mechanic or other—who have trained themselves in their libraries. "We depend upon science; it is to the interest of the whole community that no fine scientific gift, in whatever class it may arise, should lack stimulus and fertilisation . . . . We depend for the solution of our social difficulties, far more than most of us imagine, upon the humanizing of English feeling and imagination; it is in libraries like this you should find the means of their humanizing." *

It is thus that the Committee endeavour to provide, in a large-minded and enduring way, for the truest education of the city; and they are not discouraged if those who take advantage of the rich learning that is offered are at present less in number than they should be. "It is always a question of the 'many called, and the few chosen.' It is on those few, or comparatively few, in every class, that our English future depends. It is for them that it is always worth while to make provision." †

Lending Library.

In the Lending Library all accessions have been classified and catalogued. The edition of the previous classified list was sold out in the course of the year, and the new list is now issued on the same lines as that for 1895-6. Collections of books on something like 20 scientific subjects taught in the Durham College of Science have been exhibited in rotation.

For other subjects, too, as occasion arose, special lists have been made out and displayed; *e.g.*, books on Hygiene and Sanitary Science, at the time of the Congress of the Sanitary Institute, in September; and books on Temperance, in view of the holding of the Prohibition Convention, in April.

The musical works that have been added to the Lending Library have proved popular. About half of them have been in circulation only five months, the other half for eight months. Within that time the 128 volumes have been issued 685 times; this being an average of more than five issues. Auber, Balfe, Bellini, Benedict, Donizetti, Gounod, Rossini, Verdi, Wagner, Weber, Bizet,

*Mrs. Humphry Ward's address at the recent opening of a Public Library—expressing again what so many have reiterated (*e.g.*, to mention one only in this city, the late Dr. J. C. Bruce).

† *loc. cit.*

Thomas, have been specially asked for. The Lending Library issues have decreased this year by about 2 %. Such fluctuations are not unusual, the inclination for reading being influenced, especially among the class that frequents the lending department, by many circumstances. In this case, the change seems largely due to the wet Saturdays of the last six months. The issues on Saturdays, up to September 30th, were only 100 less than in the previous year. From October 1st to March 25th, however, the diminution in Saturday's issues, as compared with last year, has been 1,416—*i.e.*, more than a third of the total decrease for the year. That total decrease has been mostly in fiction, the issues in this class having been 3,000 less than last year. It is again noticeable that Saturday's fiction issue, since October 1st, fell 1,141. There has been an increase in the demand for scientific and for philological and educational works. Latterly the expectation of using the books in the Branch Library (opened on March 1st, 1897) probably diminished to some extent the issues to Elswick residents.

Stephenson Branch Library.

The Stephenson Branch Library was opened, as has been said, for the issue of books on 1st March, and up to 25th of that month 1,451 books were taken out. About 3,000 books were available for selection, the cataloguing of the remainder not having been completed. The demand, both for readers' tickets and for books, gives promise of steady increase. At 25th March, the number of readers on our books was 735. The readers in the newspaper and magazine rooms continue to increase; there are now, on an average, 570 per day.

Stocktaking 1896.

At the Annual Stocktaking in June and July, 1896, it was found that two small volumes were missing from the Reference Library, and that six volumes were missing from the Lending Library. Two of these latter have, however, since been found. There has also been found one volume reported lost from the Reference Library in the 1895 Stocktaking. The total loss from the Reference Department, since its foundation in 1884, has now been six volumes, and that from the Lending, since 1880, has been forty-two volumes.

Emigrants' Information Office.

The Newcastle branch office still proves useful. Twenty-five enquiries by letter were answered during the year, personal help and advice given in about a hundred cases, and a large number of

circulars and handbooks distributed. The applicants included miners and others in the surrounding districts. The branch is now well equipped with recent colonial maps, directories, and gazetteers, which are freely at the service of intending emigrants. The successful work of this centre has again been recognised by the head office, it being stated in the Annual Report presented to Parliament on February 11th, that "the most successful of the agencies have been at Glasgow, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Liverpool, Manchester, and Aberdeen."

Besides serving as a centre of reliable information on emigration, the branch serves to make the library itself better known and appreciated, and introduces readers to the various departments.

Grants in aid of Technical Instruction.

These grants were, as usual, allocated by the Public Libraries Committee. As the Committee were anxious that the greatest possible benefits should be derived from the money, they in October, 1896, requested Sir Joshua Fitch to report to them upon the progress of the work that had been done in Newcastle during the past few years, and to make suggestions that would enable them to get the utmost profit and advantage from the distribution of the funds at their disposal. His report was received in February, and has been circulated among members of the Council. The following was the allocation ultimately made :—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School ...	210	0	0
Elswick Works Institute	360	0	0
Allan's Endowed Schools	200	0	0
Durham College of Science	1,000	0	0
Rutherford College (including Heaton Science and Art School)	1,150	0	0
Newcastle School Board, for purposes of Evening Continuation Schools	360	0	0
School of Cookery and Household Economy ...	150	0	0
Public Libraries—books for Technical Instruction Department	150	0	0
Total Grants	£3,728	10	0

The Committee propose, shortly, to reconsider carefully the methods of their work, and may probably make some changes next year.

Conferences.

Two Conferences, to which the Committee have sent delegates, have been held during the year. The first was that of the Northern Union of Mechanics' Institutions, held on August 27th, 1896, and attended by Councillor Flowers and, in the absence of the Librarian, by the Sub-librarian. The second was that of the Library Association, held in September, at Buxton. At this again, since the Librarian's presence in Newcastle was thought desirable during a Conference that was being held, the Sub-librarian was the Committee's delegate; and his report of the proceedings has been printed and circulated.

Library Staff.

The Committee have again pleasure in expressing their full satisfaction with the careful and intelligent labours of the Library Staff. The Chief Librarian has devoted himself to the development and working of that which is really a great municipal institution with an assiduity, care, and knowledge, which have had their certain and most beneficial effect, and which have set that example of sound business work before the other members of the staff which is of such inestimable advantage to an undertaking like the Public Library.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON, Chairman.

Town Hall, July 30th, 1897.

Presented to the City Council, August 4, 1897.

Adopted by the City Council, August 4, 1897.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock in the Reference and Lending Libraries during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)	891
By Purchase (Technical Instruction Fund)	234
By Gift (including 72 vols. of Patents)	250
By Magazines bound from News Room (purchased)	94
By ,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)	28
By Transfer from Lending Library	6
	1,503
Less—Volumes transferred to Lending Library, 142) ,, ,, ,, ,, Branch Library, 583)	725
	778

LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Adult Department)	784
By Purchase (Juvenile Department)	20
By Gift	22
By Magazines bound from News Room	48
By Transfer from Reference Library	142
	1,016
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library, 6) ,, ,, ,, ,, Branch Library, 82)	88
	928

Total additions to Stock for year ending 25th March, 1897, 1,706.

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound	*1,086	1,190	2,276
Volumes Replaced	1	915	916

* Includes 68 Volumes of Patents.

List of Books destroyed by fire in Reference Library, and not yet replaced:—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to, Cambridge, 1813.
Bentham (G.) Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," edited by Hinds. 4to, 1844.
Guarini (C. G.) Euclides Adauctus et Methodicus. Fol. 1671.
Hinds (R. B.) Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur." 2 vols. 4to, 1844.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1897, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1896.														
March 26th to 31st ..	58	80	125	436	278	55	6	..	124	1	57	1,220	5	244
April	105	131	630	1,485	1,260	476	45	1	677	12	782	5,604	24	233
May	104	242	774	914	865	365	52	3	423	6	579	4,327	25	173
June 1st to 20th *	40	78	554	1,117	346	554	20	6	329	342	150	3,536	18	196
July 6th to 31st *	43	278	530	1,589	59	327	63	6	499	1	956	4,351	23	189
August	116	266	587	1,878	76	444	36	20	673	6	1,206	5,308	25	212
September	93	396	745	2,030	1,184	497	82	1	355	..	544	5,927	26	228
October	137	364	933	1,568	2,399	493	107	2	582	2	491	7,078	27	262
November	123	415	1,163	2,033	1,649	840	165	3	1,002	8	475	7,876	25	315
December	60	271	519	773	1,539	764	82	3	661	3	487	5,162	25	206
1897.														
January	66	422	819	1,167	1,475	866	336	1	795	7	590	6,544	24	272
February	140	307	681	506	1,136	506	80	66	1,807	5	351	5,585	24	233
March 1st to 25th	162	315	936	801	712	973	98	4	1,407	..	426	5,834	22	265
Total in each class	1,247	3,565	8,996	16,297	12,978	7,160	1,172	116	9,334	393	7,094	68,352	293	233
Class % of issue	1·82	5·22	13·16	23·84	18·99	10·48	1·71	0·17	13·66	0·57	10·38	100·00		
Daily average of class ..	4	12	31	55	44	24	4	..	32	1	24			

* The Reference Library was closed from June 22nd to and including July 4th, 1896, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Reference Library.

	Readers.	Books.
Accountants	46	146
Actors	8	11
Agents	439	2,488
Analysts	11	14
Apprentices	145	338
Architects	195	886
Artists	50	184
Auctioneers	2	6
Bakers	6	6
Bankers	2	17
Blacksmiths	25	27
Boilersmiths	2	2
Bookbinders	2	6
Booksellers	42	189
Boot and Shoe Maker ..	1	1
Brass Workers	5	6
Brewer	1	1
Bricklayers	6	7
Brokers	4	5
Brushmakers	3	3
Builders	33	97
Butchers	33	50
Cabinet Makers	23	38
Carvers and Gilders	24	41
Cashier	1	1
Chemists	287	894
Clergymen and Ministers ..	301	1,231
Clerks	1,177	3,299
Coachbuilders..	14	86
Commercial Travellers ..	223	479
Currier..	1	1
Dentists	2	3
Designers	30	47
Drapers	47	91
Draughtsmen	207	513
Electricians	39	81
Engineers	1,077	2,787
— Civil	10	95
— Mining	4	7
Engravers	5	7
Farmers	4	45
Fitters..	108	264
Gardeners	3	3
Carried forward ..	4,648	14,503

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	4,648	14 503
Genealogists	9	36
Glass Cutter	1	1
Grocers	89	242
Hairdressers	4	12
Inland Revenue Officers ..	2	3
Inspectors and Superintendents	50	112
Iron Founders	2	31
Ironmongers	9	84
Jewellers and Watchmakers	18	45
Joiners and Carpenters ..	65	526
Journalists	78	209
Labourers	22	30
Lecturers	17	114
Librarians	42	740
Machinists	38	77
Managers	31	79
Manufacturers	53	168
Masons	8	13
Mechanics	28	33
Medical Students	87	169
Merchants	62	137
Miners	75	169
Missionaries	16	80
Moulders	18	23
Musicians	58	143
Naval Archi ects	5	12
Opticians	3	5
Painters	67	157
Pattern Makers	16	23
Photographers	26	29
Platers..	8	11
Plumbers	15	38
Policemen	16	22
Polisher	1	1
Post Office Officials	2	4
Printers	57	209
Railway Officials	4	18
Sailors	23	49
Salesmen	34	85
School Attendance Officers ..	5	22
Schoolmasters	109	749
Sculptors	13	19
Carried forward ..	5,934	19,232

TABLE IV.—*Continued.*

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	5,934	19,232
Secretaries	14	91
Shipowners	18	24
Shipwrights	9	18
Shop Assistants	10	83
Smiths..	3	3
Soldiers	3	7
Solicitors	40	155
Students	543	1,832
Surgeons and Physicians ..	73	517
Carried forward ..	6,647	21,962

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	6,647	21,962
Surveyors	138	755
Tailors..	24	45
Teachers	777	2,353
Telegraphists	150	232
Turners	5	6
Warehousemen	24	44
No occupation stated ..	5,225	42,955
	12,990	68,352

TABLE V.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. con. sulted.
From 16 to 20	2,137	4,831
From 21 to 30	2,626	6,760
From 31 to 40	1,346	3,684
From 41 to 50	718	2,143
Carried forward ..	6,827	17,418

Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. con-sulted.
Brought forward ..	6,827	17,418
From 51 to 60	253	729
From 61 to 80	131	440
No ages stated	5,779	49,765
	12,990	68,352

TABLE VI.—LENDING LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, from March 26th, 1896, to and including March 25th, 1897.

Date.	Theology, Mental & Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1896.													
March 26th to 31st	70	219	161	69	29	28	45	2,026	211	548	3,406	5	681
April	245	851	625	259	92	121	183	8,201	887	2,017	13,481	21½	627
May	267	884	672	225	103	136	192	8,098	826	2,062	13,465	23	585
June 1st to 19th inclusive* ..	109	464	303	186	49	49	106	4,092	484	955	6,797	15½	438
July 6th to 31st inclusive* ..	206	718	640	239	88	83	211	7,500	911	1,757	12,353	21	588
August	246	922	785	318	128	178	186	8,735	941	1,856	14,295	23	621
September	277	944	768	299	120	202	287	9,058	930	1,897	14,782	23½	629
October	313	983	842	264	112	215	267	9,236	1,112	2,227	15,571	25	623
November	295	1,002	865	281	157	202	172	8,762	1,049	2,358	15,143	23	658
December	204	849	638	211	96	231	175	7,790	1,038	2,360	13,592	22½	604
1897.													
January	261	903	673	225	171	180	207	8,226	1,290	2,267	14,403	22	655
February	230	911	690	254	105	167	198	7,723	957	2,291	13,526	22	615
March 1st to 25th	242	878	764	240	117	210	203	7,055	981	1,984	12,674	20	634
Total issue in each Class ..	2,965	10,528	8,426	3,070	1,367	2,002	2,432	96,502	11,617	24,579	163,488	267	612
Class Percentage of entire Issue	1·82	6·44	5·15	1·88	·84	1·22	1·49	59·03	7·10	15·03	100·00		
Daily Average in each Class ..	11	39	32	12	5	8	9	361	43	92	612		

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at 1 o'clock p.m.

*The Lending Libraries were closed from June 22nd to and including July 4th, 1896, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc. On June 20th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS ROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously. The donors' names are enclosed in parentheses.

Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library on removal from the News Room tables.

Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room tables.

DAILIES:—

Birmingham Post.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
London Daily Telegraph.
London Morning Post.
London Pall Mall Gazette.
London St. James's Gazette.
London Standard.
R London Times.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Leader, 3 copies.
Newcastle Daily News, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle, 3 copies.
*North Star (Publishers).
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES:—

R Academy.
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette (Publishers).
*Alliance News (Dr. R. S. Watson).
*———— (A. Robinson, Esq.).
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
R Athenæum.
*Banner of Israel (J. T. Taylor, Esq.).
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
*Bible Advocate.
*Blackpool Times.
R*British Architect (Publishers).
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

Christian World.
Clarion.
R Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
*Drapers' Record (Publishers).
*Drapery World (E. Fowler, Esq.).
*Education (Publishers).
R*Electrical Engineer (Publishers).
R Electrical Review.
R*Electrician (Publisher).
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Era.
*Estates Gazette (S. F. Riches, Esq.).
Exchange and Mart. *See* Bazaar.
Field.
Figaro.
Fun, 2 copies.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gas World.
R Gentlewoman.
*Good Templars' Watchword.
R Graphic, 3 copies.
*Grocers' Review (The Company).
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
Illustrated Church News.
R Illustrated London News, 3 copies.
R*Illustrated Official Journal (Patent Office).
*Invention (Publishers).
R*Iron and Coal Trades Review (Publisher).
*Jarrow Express (Publishers).
*Jarrow Guardian (Publishers).
Judy, 2 copies.
Lady.
Land and Water.
Literary World.
R*Local Government Journal (Publisher).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
R Musical News.
R Nature.
Newcastle Courant.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, 2 copies.
Northern Weekly Leader, 2 copies.
R Notes and Queries.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Poor Law Officers' Journal (Publishers).
R Punch, 3 copies.
Queen.
Railway Record.
*Railway Review (Publisher).
R Sanitary Record.
R Saturday Review.
R*Shipping World.
R Speaker.
R Spectator.
*Spinning Wheel (Publisher).
Stage.
*Trade Marks Journal (Patent Office).
Truth.
*Tyneside Catholic News (C. Diamond, Esq.).
*Tyneside Lecture Notes (Tyneside Sunday Lecture Society).
R*University Correspondent (Publisher).
*Vegetarian (Newcastle Dietetic Reform Society).
Woman's Signal.
*Worcester Herald (Publisher).
Work.
World.

FORTNIGHTLIES :—

L Magasin Pittoresque, 2 copies.
Mining Engineering.
*Post. (Fawcett Association).
R Revue des Deux Mondes.
R Vom Fels zum Meer.

MONTHLIES :—

*Animals' Friend (Miss P. Lowry).
*Animals' Guardian (R. H. Jude, Esq.).
R Antiquary.
*Anti-Slavery Reporter (Publisher).
Architectural Review.
*Arms and Explosives (Publishers).
Army List.
R Art Journal.
*Assurance Agents' Review (Publishers).
L Atlantic Monthly.
L & R Blackwood's Magazine.
Bookseller.
L Cassell's Family Magazine.
L & R Century Magazine.
L & R Chambers's Journal.
*Child's Guardian (Local Sec. N.S.P.C.C.).
*China's Millions (B. Snowden, Esq.).
*Christian Home Treasury, 2 copies (Publishers).
*Church Missionary Gleaner, 2 copies (Miss Davies).
*Church Reformer (W. Luckley, Esq.).
*Colliery Manager (Publisher).
L & R Contemporary Review.

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

L Cornhill Magazine.
Cosmopolis.
*Cottager and Artizan (Publishers).
*Deliverer (Publishers).
L Deutsche Rundschau.
*Educational Times (F. Hodgson, Esq.).
*Engineers' Gazette (H. M. Wilson, Esq.).
L English Illustrated Magazine.
R Expositor.
*Financial Reformer (Publishers).
*Fire and Water (Publishers).
*Foresters' Miscellany (Publisher).
L & R Fortnightly Review.
*Free Gardeners' Journal (Editor).
*Free Life (A. Herbert, Esq.).
*Free Russia (The English Society of Friends of Russian Freedom).
R Gentleman's Magazine.
*Glad Tidings (J. Leadbitter, Esq.).
L Good Words.
L Harper's Monthly.
*Health News.
*Herald of Golden Age.
*Herald of Health.
*Hochschul Nachrichten (Publishers).
Household Words.
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
*Insurance Agent (Publisher).
*Inventors' Review.
R Knowledge.
R*Labour Gazette (Labour Department of the Board of Trade).
*Labour Prophet (H. C. Rowe, Esq.).
L Leisure Hour.
R Liberal Magazine.
*Liberator, 2 copies (Publisher).
R Library.
R Library Journal.
R Literary News.
L Longmans' Magazine.
*Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds' Magazine (D. S. M. Guthrie, Esq.).
L Macmillan's Magazine.
R Magazine of Art.
*Mariner (G. N. Bankes, Esq.).
Month.
*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
*Musical Herald (Publishers).
R*Musical Times (Publishers).
*National Church (Publishers).
R National Review.
*Natural Food (Editor).
R Nautical Magazine.
Navy List.
R*New Church Magazine (C. G. Cavit, Esq.).
R New Review.
*Night and Day (Dr. Barnardo).
L & R Nineteenth Century.
*Nonconformist Musical Monthly (Publisher).

MONTHLIES—*Continued.*

R North American Review.
*Oddfellows' Magazine (Publishers).
*Optical Magic Lantern Journal and Photographic Enlarger (Publisher).
L Organist and Choirmaster.
*Our Own Gazette (Editor).
*Personal Rights Journal (Personal Rights Association).
R Photogram.
*Phrenological Journal (A. Hubert, Esq.).
Picture Politics.
R*Positivists' Review (E. S. Beesly, Esq.).
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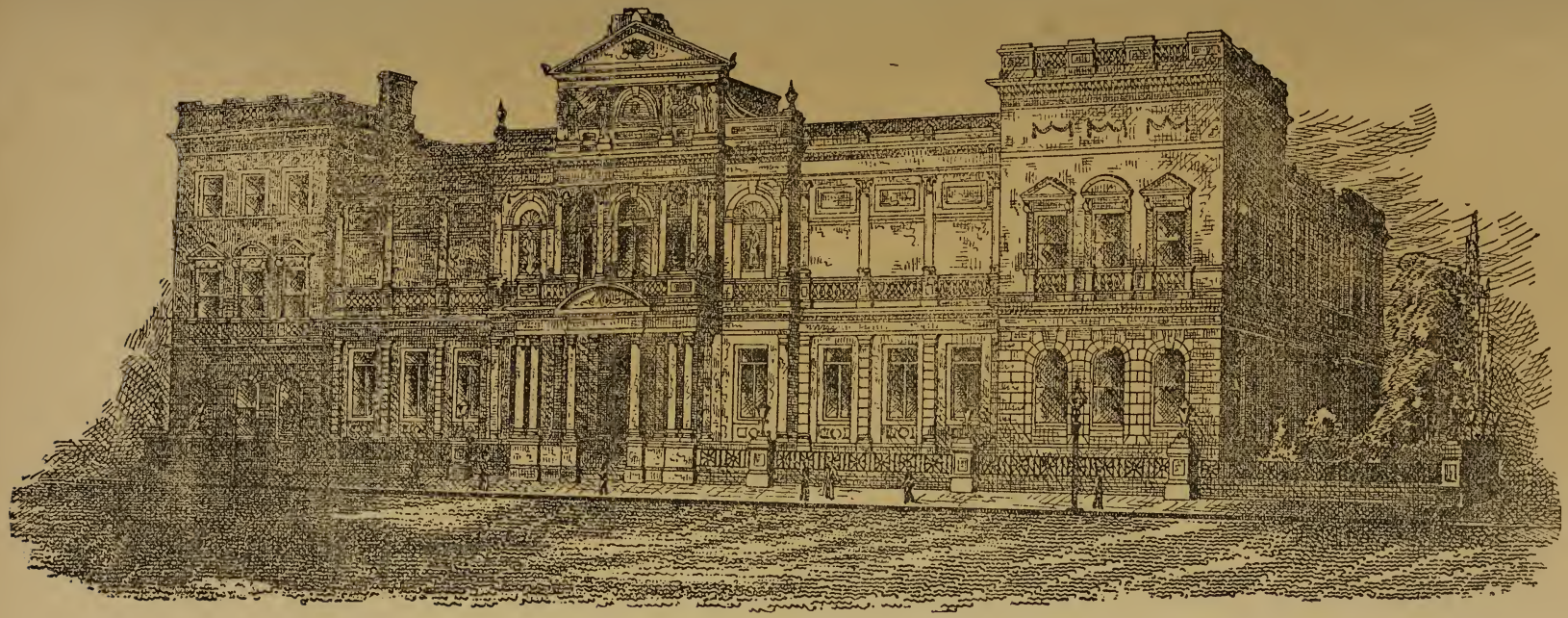

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Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Central and Branch Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1898.

The total issues for the year have been over a quarter of a million, viz., 68,637 from the Reference Library, 140,945 from the Central Lending, and 42,903 from the Stephenson Branch.

The total stock on 25th March was 93,957, viz., Reference 45,510, Central Lending 41,791, Stephenson Branch 6,656.

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almost corresponding decrease. It will be remembered that owing to frequently recurring mutilations, directories were this year only issued to those who filled up the ordinary application forms and gave name and address, whereas access to them had before been practically free. As a result the cutting out of pages was almost entirely stopped, though unfortunately the number of those who used the books quickly fell off.

The following general statement of issues in the Reference Library will show the substantial progress in its work that has been made since this department was opened in 1884.

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1886-7 (12 months)	45,661
1887-8	40,389
1888-9	36,100
1889-90	40,425
1890-1	52,253
1891-2	52,301
1892-3	56,136
1893-4	52,250
1894-5	61,999
1895-6	67,786
1896-7	68,352
1897-8	68,637

During the year groups of books bearing on subjects of special importance, whether local or general, have from time to time been exhibited ; and a display of the oldest books in the library (MS., Black letter, etc.) has been made. The year's accessions have all been catalogued.

Lending Libraries.

The results of the work in the Lending Libraries have rather a special interest this year as showing the degree to which the Central Lending Department has been affected by the Stephenson Branch. The total Lending issue has risen about 20,000, showing clearly to how large an extent it is a new body of readers that has been secured. The Central Lending issue has however decreased by about 13½% of its former issue, showing that some who formerly came from Elswick to the Central now go, as is natural, to the nearer Library.

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Central Lending Library.

In the Central Lending Library, in spite of the total decrease of issues, certain classes deserve mention as showing an absolute increase on last year's results, viz., Sociology, Natural Science and Art. A more than proportionate part of the decrease is in Fiction for adult readers. The fact that in this subject the percentage of issues at the Branch is high perhaps shows that it is the novel readers as a body who are least willing to travel any distance in order to secure the books they desire.

The number of readers' tickets in force at 25th March, 1898, was 9,025, of which 1,940 were for citizens, and 7,085 for non-citizens.

Some progress has this year been made towards the consolidation of the numerous parts of the Lending Library catalogue. A classified list of accessions during the year to the Lending Department is printed as an adjunct to this report. Exhibitions in a glazed book-case of works appropriate to various lectures in the city, to the autumn conference on secondary and technical education, and to events of especial literary interest, have been arranged, and have stimulated the issues in these subjects. A Tourist and Holiday-maker's List has been typewritten and exhibited.

During the year 2,409 books have been replaced, as against 915 in the previous year. Books that are now out of date, or are for various reasons no longer useful, are, as part of this process of revision of the stock, being gradually eliminated. The books thus thrown out are not lost, but are distributed to charitable institutions. 1,682 volumes have been bound as against 1,190 last year. Special provision in the estimates was made, it will be remembered, for these two departments of the work.

Stephenson Branch Library.

The Stephenson Library, after the test of a year's existence, has proved distinctly popular and successful. The catalogue, compiled upon the Dewey system of classification, has sold well amongst those who use the Library—nearly 600 copies having been purchased in 6 months. The issues have been nearly 43,000. The number of readers, which at 25th March, 1897, was 735, is now 2,451 (*i.e.* 606 citizens, and 1,845 non-citizens).

Class Lists of the Library as a whole.

Class lists, elucidating subject by subject the various resources of the Libraries (both Reference and Lending), are being from time to time issued. It is thought by the Committee that such publications form a very valuable part of their work. This year class lists on the Fine Arts and on Education are issued. They will, it is hoped, do much to foster public interest in these subjects.

Victoria Branch Library.

It is hoped that in the course of 1898 the Victoria Branch Library will be opened to the public on the same footing as the Stephenson Branch. The building, which is once more the gift of Mr. Alderman Stephenson, is in process of erection. The Library is named in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Stock-taking.

At the annual Stocktaking it was found that two volumes were missing from the Reference Library. One was found afterwards, but the other (Wood's Directory of Darlington, 1896-7) has not yet been traced. In the Lending Libraries four books were missing. One has since reappeared, three have not been found.

The loss from the Reference Library since its foundation in 1884 has been seven volumes; the issue 695,804.

The loss from the Lending Library since 1880 has been forty-five volumes; the issue 3,687,374.

Thus the total loss has been 52 volumes; the total issue 4,383,178. In other words, 1 has been lost for every 84,292 that have been issued, or, the loss is less than .00119 % of the issue.

Emigrants' Information Office.

The Emigrants' Information Office has during the year decided to discontinue their branch work in Newcastle and in some other Public Library centres, owing to the inadequacy of public response to their efforts. The Libraries Committee were however invited still to aid in making their work known by means of a notice board and the distribution of certain pamphlets; and they acceded to this request. It will be remembered that whilst the Public Library was the local centre, its work was year by year recognised, in the report presented by the Head Office to Parliament, as of high standing in relation to other towns.

Conferences

In July, 1897, the International Conference of Librarians was held in London. Delegates from all parts of the world were present, and the meeting was of exceptional interest. It was the first time that representatives of American and English public libraries had met in England in a formal way since the foundation of the (English) Library Association in 1877. The meeting place was the Guildhall, which was offered for the purposes of the Conference by the Lord Mayor and Corporation; and a number of valuable papers were read, and useful discussions held. The delegates from Newcastle

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were the Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee (Mr. Alderman Newton), the Vice-Chairman of the Books Committee (Mr. Councillor Flowers), and the Public Librarian (Mr. Anderton). A report of the proceedings will shortly be published in volume form.

The members of the American delegation took the occasion of their presence in England to visit the provincial libraries. On August 6th about 50 of them reached Newcastle, where they were cordially welcomed by the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Goolden), and were hospitably entertained by the Committees of the Public Libraries and the "Lit. and Phil." The proceedings comprised a trip to the mouth of the Tyne (for which purpose the Tyne Commissioners courteously lent a boat), visits to the chief places of interest in the city, and, in the evening, dinner and a conversazione, the latter being held in the rooms of the "Lit. and Phil." The Chairman of the Libraries' Committee presided at the dinner, Dr. Hodgkin at the conversazione. Both guests and hosts found the visit most interesting, and long descriptions of the proceedings appeared in the local papers. The visitors had much to say in praise both of the collection of books in the Public Library and of its arrangements and administration.

In October, the twentieth annual meeting of the Library Association was held in London. To this conference delegates were not sent by the Committee, as the other two meetings had been held so recently: but the Public Librarian contributed a paper,* which was read in his absence.

Shortly after entering upon its twenty first year, the Library Association celebrated the attainment of its majority by acquiring, largely through the good offices of Sir John Lubbock and Mr. MacAlister, a royal charter of incorporation.

Technical Instruction.

The grants in aid of technical instruction were allocated by the Libraries Committee in the following way:—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School	210	0	0
Elswick Works Institute	360	0	0
Allan's Endowed Schools	200	0	0
Durham College of Science	1,150	0	0

* "On the value of forgotten volumes."

Rutherford College	1,150	0	0
Newcastle School Board, for the purposes of evening continuation schools...	360	0	0
School of Cookery and Domestic Economy ...	150	0	0
Purchase of books on technical subjects to be added to the Technical Instruction Department at the Public Libraries	150	0	0
Bursaries to aid deserving students appointed to Corporation scholarships at the College of Science and the Rutherford College who cannot pursue their studies without aid ...	300	0	0
Total...	£4,178	10	0

Library Staff.

The Committee would acknowledge gratefully the excellence of the work done by the Chief Librarian, aided by his admirable staff. Complaints have been conspicuous by their absence, whilst abundant testimony to the zeal, care, and courtesy of the Library officials has been constantly forthcoming.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON, Chairman

Town Hall, July 29th, 1898.

Presented to the City Council, August 3rd, 1898.
Adopted by the City Council, August 12th, 1898.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)	725
By Purchase (Technical Instruction Fund)	193
By Gift (including 230 vols. of Patents)	537
By Magazines bound from News Room (purchased)	115
By ,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)	31
By Transfer from Central Lending Library	3
	1,604
Less—Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	13
	1,591

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Adult Department)	563
By Purchase (Juvenile Department)	95
By Gift	65
By Magazines bound from News Room	24
By Transfer from Reference Library	13
	760
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	3
	757

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	1,430
By Gift	78
	1,508
Less—Volumes transferred to Victoria Branch	3
	1,505

Total additions to Stock for year ending 25th March, 1898, 3,853.

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound	*754	1,682	598	3,034
Volumes Replaced	2	2,409	10	2,421

*Includes 230 Volumes of Patents.

List of Books destroyed by fire in Reference Library, and not yet replaced :—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to, Cambridge, 1813.

Bentham (G.) Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," edited by Hinds. 4to, 1844.

Hinds (R. B.) Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur." 2 vols. 4to, 1844.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1898, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open	Daily Average Issue.
1897.														
March 26th to 31st	14	95	150	110	93	155	18	..	69	..	93	797	5	159
April	148	375	569	544	516	406	42	4	896	7	432	3,939	24	164
May	116	469	759	708	627	566	97	1	1,485	1	475	5,304	26	204
June 1st to 19th *	61	320	429	423	319	436	107	..	268	1	218	2,582	16	161
July 5th to 31st *	86	402	454	565	518	441	81	..	413	..	254	3,214	24	134
August	334	636	973	1,813	665	841	149	5	703	232	391	6,742	25	270
September	297	429	1,149	1,008	693	805	88	2	810	12	398	5,691	26	219
October	397	802	1,590	1,337	721	1,138	249	..	762	..	291	7,287	26	280
November	301	859	1,369	1,225	676	1,090	363	2	671	..	199	6,755	26	260
December	241	472	668	941	454	632	124	..	392	..	149	4,073	24½	166
1898.														
January	437	773	1,190	937	738	868	201	..	458	..	183	5,785	23½	246
February	371	986	1,679	1,118	690	1,341	242	..	652	278	113	7,470	24	311
March 1st to 25th	501	1,156	2,226	1,406	694	1,418	212	6	697	..	682	8,998	22	409
Total in each class	3,304	7,774	13,205	12,135	7,404	10,137	1,973	20	8,276	531	3,878	68,637	292	235
Class % of issue	4·81	11·33	19·24	17·68	10·79	14·77	2·87	0·03	12·06	0·77	5·65	100·00		
Daily average of class ..	11	27	45	41	25	35	7	..	28	2	13			

* The Reference Library was closed from June 21st to and including July 3rd, 1897, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Reference Library.

	Readers.	Books.
Accountants	69	91
Actors	81	162
Agents	997	2,027
Analysts	49	114
Apprentices	378	761
Architects	441	912
Artists	306	737
Auctioneers	7	7
Bailiffs	26	36
Bakers	9	12
Bankers	10	19
Blacksmiths	34	64
Boilersmiths	22	27
Bookbinder	1	1
Booksellers	15	38
Boot and Shoe Makers	10	13
Brass Workers	6	11
Brewers	4	10
Bricklayers	16	22
Brokers	10	25
Brushmakers	2	2
Builders	32	61
Butchers	78	138
Cabinet Makers	191	421
Caretaker	1	1
Carpet Cutters	23	33
Cartmen	7	11
Carvers and Gilders	172	341
Cashiers	32	94
Chemists	314	826
Clergymen	558	1,624
Clerks	1,534	2,990
Coach Builders	11	41
Commercial Travellers	824	1,522
Currier	1	1
Customs Officers	3	5
Dentists	8	10
Designers	70	158
Drapers	57	181
Draughtsmen	335	760
Drillers	11	27
Electricians	147	300
Engineers	994	2,047
Carried forward	7,896	16,683

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward	7,896	16,683
Engravers	2	3
Farmers	4	4
Fitters	545	1,082
Foremen	21	42
Fruiterers	2	2
Gardeners	21	54
Genealogists	2	8
Glass Cutter	1	1
Grocers	160	404
Hairdressers	10	13
Hatters	10	10
Inland Revenue Officers	9	15
Inspectors	26	41
Iron Founder	1	1
Ironmongers	7	7
Jewellers	15	37
Joiners	272	701
Journalists	209	914
Labourers	41	62
Lecturers	6	210
Librarians	43	1,098
Lithographer	1	1
Machinists	12	22
Managers	17	36
Manufacturers	32	55
Masons	3	3
Mechanics	72	108
Medical Students	446	840
Merchants	139	237
Millers	13	144
Miners	22	47
Missionaries	10	27
Moulders	5	13
Musicians	187	375
Naval Architects	4	5
Optician	1	1
Painters	90	136
Pattern Makers	3	6
Photographers	16	25
Platers	2	3
Plumbers	29	54
Policemen	78	105
Carried forward	10,485	23,635

TABLE IV.—*Continued.*

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward	10,485	23,635
Post Office Officials	3	8
Printers	62	225
Provision Dealers	3	3
Relieving Officers	2	3
Sailors	132	213
Salesmen	11	32
School Attendance Officer	1	1
School Masters and Teachers	1,809	3,971
Sculptor	1	1
Secretaries	11	36
Shipowners	4	4
Shipwrights	10	12
Shop Assistants	4	9
Soldier	1	1
Solicitors	101	183
Carried forward	12,640	28,337

	Readers.	Books
Brought forward	12,640	28,337
Students	1,332	2,919
Surgeons	271	550
Surveyors	8	44
Tailors	2	2
Telegraphists	182	459
Timekeeper	1	1
Tobacconists	2	8
Turners	2	2
Vergers	2	2
Veterinary Surgeons	2	2
Waiters	2	2
Warehousemen	12	14
Wireworkers	4	4
No occupation stated	12,660	36,291
	27,122	68,637

TABLE V.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	2,806	6,071
From 21 to 30	5,447	12,778
From 31 to 40	2,700	6,101
From 41 to 50	1,716	4,074
Carried forward	12,669	29,024

Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
Brought forward	12,669	29,024
From 51 to 60	1,336	2,906
From 61 to 80	611	1,446
No age stated	12,506	35,261
	27,122	68,637

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1897, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1898.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1897.													
March 26th to 31st	49	187	150	42	15	27	32	1519	170	445	2,636	4½	586
April	244	797	652	240	113	173	197	7183	808	1,856	12,263	22	557
May	256	778	710	253	102	184	191	6,793	736	1,772	11,775	24	491
June 1st to 18th inclusive* ..	80	248	238	78	30	66	52	2,418	271	618	4,099	13½	304
July 5th to 31st inclusive* ..	168	545	542	196	91	108	141	5,752	511	1,451	9,505	22	432
August	235	653	688	209	82	130	191	6,592	661	1,555	10.996	23	478
September	267	762	796	232	116	146	216	7,512	946	1,796	12,789	23½	544
October	323	984	912	269	190	188	214	7,819	929	2,114	13,942	24	581
November	282	967	867	251	159	189	228	7,894	1,050	2,412	14,299	24	596
December	211	880	748	214	191	140	220	6,864	802	2,096	12,366	22	562
1898.													
January	214	876	813	279	160	147	213	6,990	1,033	2,206	12,931	21½	601
February	240	739	699	308	109	183	220	6,841	877	2,123	12,339	22	561
March 1st to 25th	213	753	663	219	92	154	203	6,039	776	1,893	11,005	20	550
Total issue in each class ..	2,782	9,169	8,478	2,790	1,450	1,835	2,318	80,216	9,570	22,337	140.945	266	530
Class percentage of entire issue	1·98	6·50	6·01	1·98	1·03	1·30	1·65	56·91	6·79	15·85	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	10	35	32	10	5	7	9	302	36	84	530	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at 1 o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 21st to and including July 3rd, 1897, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc. On June 19th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VII.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, from March 26th, 1897, to and including March 25th, 1898.

Date.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature. (Poetry, Drama Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	No. of Days open.	Average Daily Issue.
1897.														
March 26th to 31st	434	7	1	5	2	1	19	18	1	17	5	510	4½	113
April	2,455	44	1	16	31	5	109	99	16	101	37	2,914	22	132
May	2,561	51	1	29	39	3	109	107	78	114	76	3,168	24	132
*June	1,425	18	3	7	20	3	43	31	78	46	63	1,737	17	102
July	2,291	33	..	7	28	12	71	67	106	69	98	2,782	25	111
August	2,436	44	2	18	39	17	94	83	89	92	130	3,044	23	132
September	2,847	44	5	23	41	14	106	102	135	139	166	3,622	23½	154
October	3,094	66	20	63	115	16	147	152	201	210	353	4,437	24	185
November	3,115	87	16	93	135	10	165	174	246	234	467	4,742	24	197
December	2,841	90	18	76	110	6	147	136	155	185	427	4,191	22	190
1898.														
January	2,886	82	15	87	112	10	128	127	156	165	379	4,147	21½	193
February	2,799	100	20	47	90	11	143	136	171	176	357	4,050	22	184
March 1st to 25th	2,448	95	14	65	57	12	130	106	138	143	351	3,559	20	177
Total issue in each class ..	31,632	761	116	536	819	120	1,411	1,338	1,570	1,691	2,909	42,903	272½	157
Class percentage of entire issue .	73·73	1·77	·27	1·25	1·91	·28	3·29	3·12	3·66	3·94	6·78	..	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	117	3	..	2	3	..	5	5	5	6	11	..	..	..

* The Library was closed from 21st June to and including 26th June, 1897, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

On June 19th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VIII.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

ISSUES TO ADULT READERS FOR YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1898.

Classes :—	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature. (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Daily Average Issue.
Total adult issue	25,505	761	106	282	344	120	1,038	1,218	1,401	1,542	2,262	34,579	272½	127
Class percentage of adult issue	73·76	2·2	·30	·81	·99	·34	3·001	3·52	4·05	4·45	6·54	..	..	..
Daily average in each case ..	94	3	..	1	1	..	4	4	5	6	9	127	..	..

The Library was closed from 21st June to and including 26th June, 1897, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

On June 19th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE IX.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

ISSUES TO JUVENILE READERS FOR YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1898.

Classes :—	Prose Fiction.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Daily Average Issue.
Total juvenile issues	6,127	10	254	475	373	120	169	149	647	8,324	272½	31
Class percentage of juvenile issues	73·61	·001	3·05	5·70	4·48	1·44	2·03	1·79	7·77	..	..	..

The Library was closed from 21st June to and including 26th June, 1897, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

On June 19th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS ROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.

Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library on removal from the News Room tables.

Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room tables.

DAILIES :—

Birmingham Post.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
London Daily Telegraph.
London Morning Post.
London Pall Mall Gazette.
London St. James's Gazette.
London Standard.
R London Times.
Manchester Courier.
Manchester Guardian.
R Newcastle Daily Chronicle, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Journal, 3 copies.
R Newcastle Daily Leader, 3 copies.
Newcastle Daily News, 3 copies.
Newcastle Evening Chronicle, 3 copies.
*North Star (Publishers).
Northern Echo.
Scotsman.
Shields Daily Gazette.
Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLIES :—

R Academy
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette (Publishers).
*Alliance News (Dr. R. S. Watson)).
*——————— (A. Robinson, Esq.).
R Architect.
Army and Navy Gazette.
R Athenæum.
Bazaar, Exchange, and Mart.
*Blackpool Times (Blackpool Corporation).
R*British Architect (Publishers).
R British Journal of Photography.
R Builder.
R Carpenter and Builder.
R Chemical News.
Christian World.
Clarion.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

R Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News (Newcastle Co-operative Society).
*Drapers' Record (Publishers).
R*Electrical Engineer (Publishers).
R Electrical Review.
*Electrician (Publisher).
R Engineer.
R Engineering.
R English Mechanic.
Era.
*Estates Gazette (S. F. Riches, Esq.).
Exchange and Mart. *See* Bazaar.
Field.
Figaro.
Fun, 2 copies.
Gardeners' Chronicle.
Gas World.
R Gentlewoman.
*Good Templars' Watchword (A. McLeod, Esq.).
R Graphic, 3 copies.
*Grocers' Review (Grocers' Review Co.).
*Home and Colonial Mail (Publishers).
Illustrated Church News.
R Illustrated London News, 3 copies.
R*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents) (Patent Office).
*Invention (Publishers).
R*Iron and Coal Trades Review (Publisher).
*Jarrow Express (Publishers).
*Jarrow Guardian (Publishers).
Judy, 2 copies.
Lady.
Land and Water.
Literary World.
R*Local Government Journal (Publisher).
Mark Lane Express.
R Mining Journal.
*Musical Courier (Miss A. Werner).
R Musical News.
R Nature.
Newcastle Courant.
R Newcastle East End Graphic.
R Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, 2 copies.
R Newcastle Weekly News.
Northern Weekly Leader, 2 copies.
R Notes and Queries.

WEEKLIES—*Continued.*

L Phonetic Journal.
Pitman's Shorthand Weekly.
*Poor Law Officers' Journal (Publishers).
*Public Health (Publishers).
R Punch, 2 copies.
Queen.
Railway Record.
*Railway Review (Publisher).
R*Shipping World (Publishers).
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Eighteenth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1898-99.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Central and Branch Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1899.

The total recorded issues for the year have been as follows:—Reference Library, 69,030; Central Lending Library, 121,465; Stephenson Branch, 46,202; total, 236,697. This does not represent the total reading done, since, apart from the work done in the newspaper room, there are innumerable unrecorded issues of the current numbers of scientific, literary, and miscellaneous magazines, indices to patents, etc.

The total stock on March 25th was 104,130; viz., Reference, 47,515; Central Lending, 42,819; Stephenson Branch, 7,771; Victoria Branch, 6,025.

Reference Library.

In the Reference Library the issues again show a slight increase. The Thomlinson Library has been more used, 1,200 books having been consulted. The issue of books on sociology has been over 10,000, showing an increase of almost 3,000. The issue of specifications of patents has decreased by nearly 2,000. Two years ago this issue was

7,094; this year it has been 2,056. Apparently, therefore, the use of this library of patents fluctuates considerably; in reality, however, the same amount of work is done as before, inasmuch as readers can now get, out of a single volume of the "Abridgments," information which had previously to be sought in many volumes of the "Specifications." There has also been a falling off in the demand for poetry and plays, and for books written or published locally.

Exhibition has been carefully made under glass of all new books, and especially of those purchased out of the technical instruction fund.

Good progress has this year been made in the work of classifying the books upon the shelves. The broad classification which, while libraries are comparatively small, may prove adequate, grows cumbrous as they increase in size and value. A more minute accuracy becomes desirable both for answering the inquiries of readers and for compiling class lists or preparing exhibitions of books on any given subject.

One of the principal needs at present in this department is a printed catalogue. A great advance will have been made in the general usefulness of this valuable library when there is at least an alphabetical author catalogue of its contents available in book form. This may then be supplemented by carrying out more fully the Committee's scheme of issuing class lists on special subjects. The value of such general catalogues in attracting readers has long been perceived by the Committee. In the case of the Lending Libraries, this perception has been acted upon, and its accuracy has been established by the keenness of public interest and by great issues. The labour involved however in preparing such a catalogue for the press (there are nearly 50,000 volumes in the department) is, unless other not less important work be neglected, greater than the existing staff can accomplish with sufficient rapidity.

The class list of books on education, which was issued in May, has proved of considerable interest to the public, about 270 copies having been sold during the year although 187 were presented to teachers and others interested in education.

A number of books, mainly of political interest, were presented during the year by Mrs. Harney, the widow of Mr. G. J. Harney, the Chartist. He himself had in past years given a considerable collection to the Reference Department, and the Committee thought it would be

a suitable and graceful thing to gather the whole of these books together as a "Harney Library," and to issue a special catalogue of them. This has accordingly been done, and the Committee's action has given great pleasure to Mrs. Harney, who has now promised a further donation.

Central Lending Library.

The demand for renewals of tickets here has somewhat fallen off this year, a number of residents in the East end having preferred to wait for the opening of the Victoria Branch Library. In consequence partly of this the issues have decreased in about the same degree as when the opening of the Stephenson Library was expected. The issue of fiction has fallen off by about 13,000—a fact which may interest those who complain of the too recreative character of public library work. In part however the decrease is probably due to the tedium of consulting the seven or eight existing catalogues and lists. The Committee have it in view, as soon as more definite provision for such work can be made, to remedy this difficulty by issuing a single alphabetical catalogue containing brief entries of all the books, supplementing this, for the benefit of students of special subjects, by continuing their issue of class lists of books on history, literature, electricity, engineering, or the like.

Meanwhile every effort is being made to bring the rich resources of the library clearly before readers. Two large glazed cases are constantly being filled with books by the staff, and as constantly being emptied by readers. Special exhibitions illustrating either local lectures or events of general interest continue to be made as in previous years. The number of such exhibitions has this year been between 35 and 40. A classified list of additions made during the year is now issued. 899 books, worn out by constant use in this department, have been replaced. Many that were of ephemeral interest have either been dropped altogether, or, where there were several copies, their numbers have been reduced. In the case of scientific works revised issues, where these were available, have been secured to replace old editions. These lists of books to be replaced, sanctioned for purchase by the Committee, constantly include such works as the following:—Hogg's The Microscope; Darwin's Voyage of the "Beagle"; a volume of Gibbon's Decline and Fall, and of Grote's History of Greece; Lamb's Elia and Eliana; Schiller's Works (translation); Ellis' Sketching from Nature; Fordyce's History and Antiquities of Durham; Tennyson's Poems; Cassell's Popular Educator; Renan's Life of Jesus; Ruskin's Unto this Last, and Sesame and Lilies; Josephus' Complete Works

(translation); Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea; Reed's Engineering; Rose's Practical Machinist; Swinton's Electric Lighting. There are also numerous books on arithmetic, geometry, folk-lore, mythology, postage stamps, biography, short-hand, cookery, domestic medicine, and French grammar. They indicate that sound and profitable work is being done in this department.

1,497 books have been bound for the Central Lending Library during the year.

Stephenson Branch Library.

The Stephenson Branch Library continues to make steady progress in the favour of the public. In March last year the number of ticket holders was 2,451; this year it is 3,080. The recorded issues, which last year were nearly 43,000, have this year risen to 46,202. The number of catalogues sold continues to hold about the same ratio to the number of new ticket holders as last year, viz., 1 to 4. The policy of the Committee in exhibiting catalogues on stands of course diminishes the sales, but it gives those who cannot well afford to purchase copies for themselves easy access to the books; and with this result, which is the main object of the Committee, they are content.

Victoria Branch Library.

This building, which is, as mentioned in the last report, the generous gift of Alderman Stephenson, was formally handed over to the charge of the Corporation in October, 1898, when Earl Grey presided at a breakfast given by the donor of the building. Alderman Newton's proposal that a picture of Alderman Stephenson be painted in remembrance of the event was most cordially agreed to. The purchase of the books required to equip the Library has been steadily accomplished during the year, and there are now about 6,000 volumes in the building. On February 11th the newspaper and magazine rooms were thrown open to the public. The Committee have greatly regretted the existence of obstacles to the opening of the Library as well. Of these the principal have been (1) the dampness of the building, which was so serious that the books had to be temporarily stored in the other libraries. (2) The consequent need for alterations in drainage. These difficulties have now been overcome, and the Library will very shortly be opened to readers.

Stock taking.

At the annual stocktaking in June, 1898, it was found that nothing whatever was missing from the Reference Library, and only one volume (value 2/6d.) from the Lending Library. Nothing was lost at the Stephenson Branch.

The total loss since 1880 has now been 53 volumes, and the total issue 4,619,875. That is to say, one has been lost out of every 87,168 issued ; or the loss is less than ·00001147 of the issue.

The Northern Union of Mechanics Institute held their annual conference on September 29th, 1898. Dr. Evers, Councillor H. C. Smith, and the Sub-librarian were the delegates nominated to represent the Committee. **Conferences.**

Early in September the Library Association held its annual meeting at Southport, and the Public Librarian (Mr. Anderton) attended as the Committee's delegate. The president was Lord Crawford, and his address, which was the first paper read, was also for this Committee the foremost in suggestive interest. Its subject was the relation of public and private libraries, and it pointed to the benefits conferred upon the community at large by great private collectors such as the Bodleys, Spencers, Harleys, and Grenvilles. It drew attention to the observed fact that "a choice and well-ordered private library exercises an ennobling influence upon the family which possesses it, and through such families upon society,"—provided that large and liberal hearts preside over its collection, custody and communication. These private libraries moreover become, over and over again, the feeders of the great collections of the nation (either by gift, sale, or bequest) to the more immediate enrichment of the community. The names of George III., Grenville, Bodley, Douce and Rawlinson are examples.

In the course of the reading of other papers many points interesting to bibliographers and the administrators of public libraries were raised. Mr. F. Campbell, of the British Museum, gave a classification of the subjects of papers read in the past before the Association, with some suggestions as to future papers. The librarian of the Shakespeare Memorial Library at Stratford-on-Avon read some "Notes upon editions of Shakespeare printed before 1800," and he observed that four editions were issued during the 17th century, about 90 during the 18th, and over 700 during the 19th. Dr. J. S. Billings, from New York, showed plans of his new building, and sketched the history of the library's formation. Other papers dealt with the work of Academies of Literature, with the collection of local literature, with children's books and their preservation, with the methods of interesting children in public libraries. The variety of subjects dealt with emphasised the manifold nature of the work which Committees and their librarians are called upon to perform, and the great number

of interests which it is their function to satisfy. In the Earl of Crawford's paper, however, the Newcastle Committee have a special interest from the confirmation already given to it by the bequests and gifts they have received, as in former years in the case of the Riddell and Thomlinson libraries, so this year in the case of the Harney collection.

Several adjacent libraries were visited, *e.g.*, those of Wigan, Preston, Stonyhurst, and last but not least Lord Crawford's own library at Haigh Hall. In Stonyhurst there are some lovely MSS. and some rare books, such as a prayer book once belonging to Mary Queen of Scots. It has at the end the significant words, said to be in her own handwriting, "Dieu confondez mes ennemis." Haigh Hall is one of the richest private libraries in the country; the collection of early printed books, of illuminated MSS., of broadsides, of Chinese and Japanese MSS., being especially noteworthy. A sketch of its formation was given by Lord Crawford, and a special catalogue was printed for the occasion of the Association's visit.

Technical Instruction.

The grants in aid of technical instruction were allocated by the Libraries Committee in the following way, their report being presented to the Council on March 1st, 1899:—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School	210	0	0
Elswick Works Institute	360	0	0
Allan's Endowed Schools	200	0	0
Durham College of Science	1,150	0	0
Rutherford College	1,150	0	0
Newcastle School Board, for the purposes of evening continuation schools	360	0	0
School of Cookery and Domestic Economy ...	150	0	0
Purchase of books on technical subjects to be added to the Technical Instruction Department at the Public Libraries	150	0	0
Bursaries to aid deserving students, appointed to Corporation scholarships at the College of Science and the Rutherford College, who cannot pursue their studies without aid	300	0	0
Total ...	£4,178	10	0

It is a matter of great regret that this year two deaths have to be recorded, viz., that of Councillor Thomas Waller, who died in June, 1898, and that of Mr. James H. Ingledew. Mr. Ingledew, who had been on the Committee from the beginning, died in November, 1898. His energy and his special knowledge often proved of great value in the Committee's deliberations, especially during the negotiations for acquiring the Thomlinson Library. He is remembered with regret, but at the same time with pleasure and admiration. Death of Members of the Committee.

During the year Mr. Andrew Keogh, the Sub-librarian, left Newcastle for Chicago. The Committee, in order that his long and faithful service should not end without acknowledgment, addressed a letter to him thanking him for the diligence, loyalty and accuracy he had shown in his work, and for the helpful and stimulating influence he had exerted upon the junior staff. The letter was signed by Alderman Newton, Alderman Stephens, and Dr. Spence Watson. Staff.

In conclusion, the Committee have much pleasure in recording their satisfaction with the watchful work of the Public Librarian and his staff, who have again, one and all, made it their object to promote to the utmost the usefulness of the institution under their care.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON, Chairman.

Town Hall, June 30th, 1899.

Presented to the City Council, July 5th, 1899.

Adopted by the City Council, July 5th, 1899.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)		954
,, Purchase (Technical)		211
,, Gift (including 256 vols. of Patents)		711
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		99
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		30
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library	3	—
Less—Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	3	
		2,005

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Adult Department)		837
,, Purchase (Juvenile Department)		87
,, Gift		35
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom		69
,, Transfer from Reference Library	3	—
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	3	
		1,028

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	1075
,, Gift	40
	1115
Less—Volumes transferred to Victoria Branch	4
	1,111

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	5894
,, Gift	109
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library	16
,, ,, ,, Stephenson Branch Library	8
	6027
Less—Volume transferred to Central Lending Library	1
	6,026

Total Additions to Stock for Year ending 25th March, 1899—10,170.

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound	*628	1497	549	453	3,127
Volumes Replaced	—	899	43	—	942

* Includes 178 Volumes of Patents.

List of Books destroyed by fire in Reference Library, and not yet replaced:—

Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to, Cambridge, 1813.

Bentham (G.) Botany of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur," edited by Hinds. 4to, 1844.

Hinds (R. B.) Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. "Sulphur." 2 vols. 4to, 1844.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1899, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Patent Specifications.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Thomlinson Library.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1898.														
March 26th to 31st	76	66	119	264	221	132	214	30	1	114	..	1,237	5	247
April	222	286	678	1,298	1,022	774	1,035	128	..	382	7	5,832	24	243
May	212	333	1,489	1,901	1,054	914	1,593	175	..	492	360	8,523	25	341
June 1st to 17th*	270	165	773	859	973	637	685	34	..	373	340	5,109	16	319
July 4th to 30th*	294	195	810	1,471	1,110	868	1,298	102	..	687	..	6,835	24	284
August	91	82	436	1,076	573	586	686	41	5	396	..	3,972	26	153
September	156	91	353	794	386	572	247	69	13	584	..	3,265	26	125
October	111	106	545	676	444	688	405	156	2	838	1	3,972	26	152
November	162	198	507	1,168	766	529	855	298	6	1,394	..	5,883	26	226
December	51	146	358	919	520	924	461	111	..	900	7	4,397	25	176
1899.														
January	226	119	330	993	718	1,032	459	63	3	814	..	4,757	24	198
February	73	204	620	923	865	1,372	1,256	60	4	1,445	295	7,117	24	296
March 1st to 25th	112	1,113	1,041	882	1,058	1,209	946	152	6	1,422	190	8,131	22	369
	2,056	3,104	8,059	13,224	9,710	10,237	10,140	1,419	40	9,841	1,200	69,030	293	236
Class % of entire Issue ..	2·98	4·49	11·68	19·16	14·07	14·83	14·69	2·06	·05	14·25	1·74	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each Class.	7	11	27	45	33	35	35	5	..	34	4	236	..	..

* The Reference Library was closed from June 20th to and including July 2nd, 1898, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.

Showing the Trades and Professions of Readers using the Reference Library.

	Readers.	Books.
Accountants	107	236
Actors	81	252
Agents	1,075	2,223
Analysts	17	34
Apprentices	216	500
Architects	208	592
Artists	81	298
Auctioneers	10	31
Bakers	4	6
Bankers	6	10
Blacksmiths	1	1
Boilermakers	11	19
Bookbinders	4	12
Booksellers	6	16
Bootmakers	8	14
Brassfinishers	21	35
Brewers	2	11
Bricklayers	2	4
Brokers	6	11
Brushmakers	2	2
Builders	42	104
Butchers	6	8
Cabinetmakers	85	145
Carvers	73	183
Cashiers	70	206
Chemists	228	490
Clergymen	668	2,497
Clerks	2,042	4,228
Coachbuilders	22	80
Commercial Travellers ..	1,496	4,226
Curriers	3	5
Dentists	41	64
Designers	35	94
Drapers	38	111
Draughtsmen	53	207
Electricians	40	136
Engineers	942	1,916
Engravers	41	73
Farmers	3	5
Fitters	142	280
Gardeners	64	201
Genealogists	97	743
Grocers	8	15
Hairdresser	1	1
Relieving Officer	1	1
Inspectors	31	54
Ironfounders..	5	18
Carried forward ..	8,145	20,398

	Readers.	Books.
Brought forward ..	8,145	20,398
Ironmongers	11	79
Jewellers	8	13
Joiners	79	155
Journalists	116	747
Labourers	35	43
Lecturers	43	1412
Librarians	22	116
Machinists	20	31
Manufacturers	61	123
Mason	1	3
Mechanics	52	113
Medical Students	397	943
Merchants	77	166
Miners	23	57
Missionaries	48	68
Moulders	15	19
Musicians	257	1,029
Painters	17	26
Pattermakers	9	14
Photographers	21	32
Platers	12	17
Plumbers	64	81
Policemen	12	16
Polishers	2	2
Post Office Official	1	1
Printers	18	30
Sailors	60	115
Salesmen	14	20
School Attendance Officers	2	3
Schoolmasters	589	1,680
Secretaries	22	179
Shipowners	2	2
Shop Assistants	143	312
Soldier	1	1
Solicitors	63	206
Students	1,950	4,868
Surgeons	110	288
Surveyors	32	60
Tailors	9	10
Teachers	1,608	4,983
Telegraphists	35	80
Turners	4	6
Warehousemen	4	4
Total..	14,214	38,551
No occupation stated ..	8,387	30,479
Totals ..	22,601	69,030

TABLE V.

Showing the Ages of Persons using the Reference Library.

Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.	Ages.	No. of Persons.	No. of Vols. consulted.
From 16 to 20	2,307	5,530	Brought forward..	12,166	32,654
From 21 to 30	4,311	12,495	From 61 to 80	421	1,145
From 31 to 40	2,785	7,753		12,587	33,799
From 41 to 50	1,732	4,530	No age stated	10,014	35,231
From 51 to 60	1,031	2,343			
Carried forward ..	12,166	32,654		22,601	69,030

TABLE VI.—CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE DAILY AVERAGE ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, FROM MARCH 26TH, 1898, TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 25TH, 1899.

DATE.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average Issue.
1898.													
March 26th to 31st	56	152	130	47	61	29	38	1449	153	488	2603	4½	578
April	206	695	656	201	97	142	216	6414	660	1911	11198	22	509
May	200	628	631	151	66	137	180	5798	663	1735	10189	23	443
June 1st to 17th*	69	291	220	88	32	45	57	2540	266	804	4412	13½	327
July 4th to 30th*	172	478	521	183	39	71	203	4973	456	1438	8534	22	388
August	163	612	532	198	73	110	161	5618	582	1483	9532	23½	405
September	211	755	640	196	96	141	210	5807	575	1531	10162	24	423
October	211	776	691	162	70	183	251	6091	687	1933	11055	24	460
November	174	823	639	142	110	161	199	5551	736	1986	10521	23½	447
December	217	797	627	183	127	143	249	5559	711	1990	10603	23	461
1899.													
January	199	808	642	190	89	156	178	5725	720	2036	10743	22	488
February..	218	890	663	146	215	149	247	6350	738	1898	11514	22	523
March 1st to 25th	207	757	627	200	98	131	181	5817	785	1596	10399	20	520
	2,303	8,462	7,219	2,087	1,173	1,598	2,370	67,692	7,732	20,829	121,465	267	455
Class percentage of entire issue	1·89	6·97	5·94	1·72	·96	1·32	1·95	55·73	6·37	17·15	100·00	....	....
Daily average in each class ..	9	32	27	8	4	6	9	253	29	78	455	....	....

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 20th to and including July 2nd, 1898, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc. On June 18th, the Lending Library was open for the *Receipt* of Books only.

TABLE VII.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, from March 26th, 1898, to and including March 25th, 1899.

Date.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1898.														
March 26th to 31st	661	20	7	15	14	1	26	28	36	41	88	937	4½	208
April	2,864	100	22	58	107	20	123	118	150	155	384	4,101	22	186
May	2,319	45	27	62	84	8	117	91	134	161	375	3,423	23	148
*June	1,548	48	13	36	60	4	63	60	90	102	199	2,223	18	123
July	2,227	40	19	34	71	13	79	66	143	113	217	3,022	24	125
August	2,589	44	13	36	83	19	86	78	121	125	246	3,440	23½	146
September	2,759	42	23	71	95	21	92	123	138	161	294	3,819	24	159
October	3,067	55	20	49	99	26	122	120	181	166	283	4,188	24	175
November	2,847	35	31	51	91	24	117	110	147	168	365	3,986	23½	169
December	2,950	37	33	37	81	14	107	95	148	88	301	3,891	23	169
1899.														
January	3,195	39	24	46	88	14	131	131	132	145	337	4,282	22	194
February	3,235	25	17	54	76	16	153	131	152	141	343	4,343	22	197
March 1st to 25th	3,364	108	22	43	80	13	136	107	159	168	347	4,547	20	227
Total Issue in each Class ..	33,625	638	271	592	1,029	193	1,352	1,258	1,731	1,734	3,779	46,202	273½	169
Class % of entire Issue ..	72·77	1·38	·59	1·28	2·23	·42	2·93	2·72	3·75	3·75	8·18	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class.	123	2	1	2	4	1	5	5	6	6	14	169	..	..

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* The Library was closed from 20th June to and including 25th June, 1898, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

On June 18th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VIII.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

ISSUES TO READERS FOR YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1899.

Classes:—	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Daily Average Issue.
Total adult issue	26,989	637	264	433	505	190	1,044	1,160	1,593	1,625	3,251	37,691	273½	138
Class percentage of adult issue	71·61	1·69	·70	1·15	1·34	·50	2·77	3·08	4·23	4·31	8·62	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each case ..	99	2	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	6	12	138	..	..
Total juvenile issues	6,636	1	7	159	524*	3	308	98	138	109	528	8,511	273½	..
Class percentage of juv'le issues	77·97	·01	·08	1·87	6·16	·04	3·62	1·15	1·62	1·28	6·20	100·00	..	..
Total issue	33,625	638	271	592	1,029	193	1,352	1,258	1,731	1,734	3,779	46,202	..	..

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* This includes traditional tales and legends.

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L*Monthly Journal of the Incorporated Society of Musicians (The Society).
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s*Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.
*Midland Railway.
*North British Railway.
*North Eastern Railway.
Reid's Railway Guide.
*South Eastern Railway.
v*South Eastern Railway Continental Guide.

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS, FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1899.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of, London	1	
Andrews (A.), London	1	
Commercial Cable Co., Newcastle	1	
Davy (Mrs. E. M.), London ..	1	
Durham College of Science, Newcastle	2	
Edwards (Miss M. B.), Hastings..	1	
Great Southern and Western Railway Co.	1	
Hamilton (Mrs.), Newcastle ..	19	
Leng & Co. (Messrs. J.), Dundee	1	
Mason (E.), London	1	
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ..	3	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation	3	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Schl. Board	2	
Richardson (D.), Newcastle ..	1	
Rutherford College, Newcastle ..	2	

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

DONORS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS, FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 25, 1899.

	Vols.	Phlts.
Bi-metallic League, London ..	1	
Browne (Sir B. C.), Newcastle ..	53	14
Church of Latter-Day Saints (*per* T. Gilchrist, Newcastle) ..	3	
Durham College of Science, Newcastle	1	
Great Eastern Railway Co. ..	1	
Great Southern and Western Railway Co., Ireland	1	
Hamilton (Mrs.), Newcastle ..	9	
Howat (W. J.), Newcastle ..	1	
Huggitt (W. B.), Newcastle ..	2	
Lunn (Dr. H. S.), London ..	1	
Mason (Rev. E.), South Shields..	1	
Moore (J.), Newcastle	2	
N.S.P.C.C. (*per* Rev. T. Stenhouse, Newcastle)	6	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation	1	
Pumphrey (T.), Newcastle ..	2	
Richardson (D.), Newcastle ..	1	
Rutherford College, Newcastle ..	1	
Tattersall (M.), London	1	
Welford (R.), Gosforth	21	

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1899.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 25—To Balance to next year in respect of Central Library	6,984 9 5	
Do. do. Stephenson Branch Library	652 13 4	
Do. do. Victoria Branch Library	236 16 11	
		7,873 19 8
		£7,873 19 8

Memo.

Capital Cost to 25th March, 1899—

Central Library ..	£28,720 9 5
Stephenson Branch Library	652 13 4
Victoria Branch Library	236 16 11
	£29,609 19 8

Cr.

1899.	£ s. d.
By Loans repaid	6,400 0 0
Central Library:—	
Mar. 25—By Balance from last year	1,237 2 9
Victoria Branch Library:—	
E. & T. George, Cork Carpet, &c.	236 16 11
	£7,873 19 8

Rate Account.

Dr. PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT. Cr

1899.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 25.	To Balance from last year ..			567 17 4
	,, Rate Collected	4,390 13 3		
	Less Cost of Collecting Rate and Proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	43 6 8		
			4,347 6 7	
	To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c., sold	128 16 8		
	TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION—			
	Grant for Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects ..	150 0 0		
			278 16 8	
			4,626 3 3	
	BRANCH LIBRARIES—			
	To Rate Collected	1,389 0 6		
	Less Cost of Collecting Rate, and proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	21 13 4		
			1,367 7 2	
	STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
	To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c., Sold	.. ..	44 7 4	
				6,037 17 9

1899.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 25.	CENTRAL LIBRARY—			
	By Contribution in Payment of Dividends and Redemption of Stock	109 17 6		
	,, Contribution in Payment of Interest and Redemption of Loan	186 15 5		
	,, do. do.	69 15 5		
	,, Dividends on Stock (*less* Tax)	544 17 8		
	,, Interest on Money Borrowed (*less* Tax)	109 15 5		
			1,012 1 5	
				1,012 1 5
	,, Salaries, Wages, &c. ..	.. ..	1,001 13 3	
	,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	776 18 10		
	,, Books (Technical Instruction)	155 4 9		
	,, Binding	195 8 10		
	,, Carriage of Books, &c ..	5 16 7		
			1,133 9 0	
	,, Janitor's Uniform.. ..	.. ..	5 0 0	
	,, Librarian's Disbursements	15 19 8		
	,, Fittings, Repairs, &c ..	41 15 4		
			57 15 0	
	,, Printing, Stationery, &c...	91 5 1		
	,, Coals	33 0 0		
	,, Insurance	33 7 6		
	,, Water	6 0 0		
	,, Electric Light and Gas ..	157 13 4		
	,, Rates and Taxes	84 13 9		
	,, Church of Divine Unity, Liberty of Cornice ..	0 5 0		
			406 4 8	
	,, Sundries	. ..	6 5 11	
	,, Expenses of Deputations to Library Conference, &c...	.. ..	23 0 0	

	,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c.		176 13 8	2,810 1 6
				3,822 2 11
	STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
	,, Salaries and Wages		298 13 10	
	,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	238 11 0		
	,, Binding	29 3 9		
	,, Printing, Stationery, &c...	2 5 1		
	,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	1 0 9		
			271 0 7	
	,, Librarian's Disbursements	.. ..	6 4 8	
	,, New Fittings and Repairs	.. ..	11 7 10	
	,, Fuel, Water, Rates, &c. ..	43 1 8		
	,, Electric Light and Gas ..	51 12 9		
	,, Insurance	1 17 6		
			96 11 11	
	,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c.		37 12 2	721 11 0
	VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY—			
	,, Salaries and Wages		163 0 4	
	,, Books	739 18 2		
	,, Binding	40 15 0		
	,, Printing and Stationery ..	49 19 10		
	,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	1 11 1		
			832 4 1	
	,, Librarian's Disbursements	.. ..	3 10 11	
	,, New Fittings	.. ..	57 3 0	
	,, Fuel, Water, &c.	.. ..	6 17 4	
	,, Repairs, &c.	.. ..	63 12 2	1,126 7 10
				5,670 1 9
	,, Balance to next year			935 13 4
£6,605 15 1				£6,605 15 1

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of my real and personal Estate as may be lawfully bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

for the Free Reading Library for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient, and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the said legacy.

I bequeath

Shares, Debentures or stocks, Leasehold or Freehold Property, &c. &c. Delete as required.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the County of Northumberland Free to the Free Reading Library, which duly I direct that in case all of my pecuniary legacies be the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City either for Exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient, and I further direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

PUBLICATIONS.

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- PRINTED LIST OF RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS, 1881. Royal 8vo, Paper Cover. 6d.
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- LIST OF BOOKS IN DEMAND SUITABLE FOR THE USE OF THE BLIND, 1887. Cr. 8vo. 1d.
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* These catalogues compiled by the late W. J. Haggerston, are now sold at a net price.

City and County of
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

19th Report . . .

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee, . . .

1899-1900.

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1900.

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City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Nineteenth Report

— OF THE —

Public Libraries Committee,

1899-1900.

To the Members of the City Council.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting to the consideration of the City Council a summary of the work done at the Central and Branch Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1900.

The total recorded issues for the year were 262,907, as against 236,697 last year. They were distributed as follows:—Reference Library, 59,161; Central Lending, 118,579; Stephenson Branch, 50,011; Victoria Branch (8½ months), 35,156. Issues.

The unrecorded issues (of newspapers, of miscellaneous, literary and scientific magazines, &c.) have increased, owing to the existence of the new magazine and news rooms at the Victoria Branch. The estimated total number of readers in these rooms during the year has been 1,150,344*, distributed as follows:—Central, 880,310; Stephenson, 163,984; Victoria (8½ months), 106,050.

The total stock of books on March 25th, 1900, was 110,258, viz.: —Reference, 49,505; Central Lending, 43,964; Stephenson Branch, 8,948; Victoria Branch, 7,841. Stock.

* This estimate is based on periodical countings.

Stocktaking.

At the Annual Stocktaking in June–July, 1899, it was found that 5 volumes were missing from the Reference Library, 4 from the Central Lending, and none from the Stephenson Branch. Of these, 3 of the Reference books were recovered before the end of the library year, and 1 since; while 2 of the Lending books have also been subsequently found. A book missing at the 1898 Stocktaking, was found in November, 1899.

56 books have been lost in all, since the opening of the library in 1880. The total issue having been 4,882,782, it will be seen that 1 book has been lost per 88,777 issued; or the loss is but little more than ·00001 of the issue.

Central Libraries

During the year about £200 less than usual was spent on book-buying, money being required for other purposes (such as re-decoration). Hence many books that would otherwise have been secured had to be passed by. Hence also a decline in the issues, the books added being less varied and recent than usual.

A special hand-list of books relating to South Africa has been printed and given away to applicants. The immediate results were more apparent in the issues of the Lending Library, though some solid work on the subject (*e.g.* in the valuable series of blue books the Committee has acquired) was done by students in the Reference Library.

The Committee have this year recognised the need of more definite provision for cataloguing, and have started, in the revised scheme of salaries which they have considered and approved, a distinct cataloguing section of the staff. This step is intended to secure more rapid developments in the way of consolidated catalogues for the Reference and Lending Libraries.

The need for increase of book-shelving and for considerable extension of the News Rooms has given the Committee anxious thought. With the News Room difficulty they are, from want of space and of funds, at present unable to cope. With regard to the shelving difficulty, they have, for the Lending Library, resolved upon certain structural alterations which will give sufficient room for 10 or 12 years. In the case of the Reference Library, by raising the shelves at the west end of the building the past accumulations of books will be provided for. The question of future accommodation still remains undetermined. One or two schemes are, however, under the Committee's consideration.

Reference Library.

This department was almost entirely closed during the greater part of July, 1899, whilst the painters were completing the work of re-decoration. Partly for this reason the year's issues, for the first time in 6 years, show a decrease. In that month alone the reduction was more than 4,000.

The work of re-classifying and re-arranging the books progresses steadily. The classes of Bibliography, Sociology, Philology and the Fine Arts are entirely classified and for the most part re-arranged on the shelves. A considerable part of the large class of History (including Biography and Geography) is also classified and arranged. The general cataloguing is up to date, and the special catalogue of books on the Fine Arts (including Architecture, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Engraving, Photography and Music) will be issued, it is expected, in August. This catalogue covers both the Reference and the Central Lending Libraries.

Exhibition under glass of new accessions continues to be made as usual.

The largest issue this year has been in History (with Biography and Geography); next come General Works and Magazines; then Sociology; then Natural Science; while Literature is closely followed by Useful Arts.

The Committee decided this year to secure the publications of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and to purchase a complete set of the Philosophical Magazine.

The Trustees of the British Museum and the Controller of H.M. Stationery Office have again forwarded valuable donations, while Mr. W. E. Adams has given a complete set of the Graphic.

891 volumes have been bound for this department during the year.

Central Lending Library.

In spite of the opening in July of the Victoria Branch Library, the issues of the Central Lending Library were, until December, higher than those of the previous year. Then, however, when the lack of funds above referred to began to be felt, compelling the Committee to restrict their purchase of books, the issues slowly declined, until by March there was a diminution of almost 3,000. It is feared that the same cause will operate adversely this year, as money has had to be

set aside for structural alterations. This reduction is, however, far more than compensated by the work of the Branches, which have procured a total increase in the Lending issues of about 36,000 volumes.

The exhibition of selected books on subjects of general and local interest continues to attract the readers, many of whom watchfully con the titles of the works brought under their notice. Lectures at the Lit. and Phil. and at the Durham College of Science have been specially illustrated. A case of miscellaneous books is also popular, and requires refilling two or three times each day.

1,023 worn out books have been replaced during the year.

Apart from fiction the most popular books in the section for adults have been History (with Biography and Geography), Collected Works and Magazines, and Scientific Books.

Stephenson Branch Library.

The number of ticket holders at 25th March was 3,606 (as against 3,080 last year); the stock, 8,948 (as against 7,771 last year), and the year's recorded issue 50,011 (as against 46,202). The subjects in which people have shown most interest are (apart from Fiction) History (with Biography and Geography), Fine Arts, Literature (Poetry, Essays, Satire, &c.), and General Works and Magazines.

After three years' working of the Library it has become necessary to begin replacing worn out books. This year 239 have been so replaced.

Victoria Branch Library.

The success of the Victoria Branch Library, since its first opening in July, 1899, has been satisfactory. Readers' tickets were applied for in great numbers, and before many months had elapsed the weekly issues were rivalling and occasionally exceeding those of the Stephenson Library. The readers' tickets numbered, at 25th March, 1900, 2,090; and the recorded issues during the 8½ months of the Library's existence, 35,156. Apart from Fiction, History (with Biography and Geography) has been the most popular subject; after that Fine Arts, Literature, and Natural Science.

One or two examples may be given of the more solid and continuous reading that has been done:—

B 355 (aged 15) has had 11 vols. of Lloyd's Natural History (5 vols. British Butterflies, 6 vols. British Birds); Saunders' British Birds (800 pages); Dixon's Bird Life (350 pages); Wood's Insects at Home (650 pages); Dixon's Rarer Birds; Lubbock's Origin and Metamorphoses of Insects; and others.

A 218 went through Froude's History of England (12 vols.)

A 80 commenced to read Hume and Smollett's History of England (21 vols.) on July 24 and finished the last volume in November.

A 161 and A 29 both went through Carlyle's Oliver Cromwell (5 vols.)

B 308 read Milman's History of Christianity (3 vols.)

Conference.

In September, 1899, the Library Association held its annual Conference at Manchester. The Committee sent three delegates: Councillor Flowers, Vice-Chairman of the Books Committee, Councillor Rodgers, and Mr. Anderton, the public librarian. A report upon the meeting was presented to the Committee by Mr. Anderton. In it the various papers were classified into five main heads, viz.: (1) History of public library movement; (2) relations of librarians both to readers in general and to such special classes of readers as school children, villagers, technical students, &c.; (3) formation of special collections; (*e.g.*) local books, parish registers, books on the colonies, &c.; (4) history of special libraries; (5) such administrative problems as the cataloguing and classifying of books. This report has been already printed and distributed.

Technical Instruction.

On February 28th, 1900, the Public Libraries Committee presented to the Council a report recommending the following grants in aid of Technical Instruction:—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School	210	0	0
Elswick Works Institute	360	0	0
Allan's Endowed Schools...	200	0	0
Durham College of Science	1,150	0	0
Ditto. Special Grant...	500	0	0
Rutherford College	1,150	0	0
Newcastle School Board for the Purpose of Evening Continuation Schools	360	0	0
School of Cookery and Domestic Economy ...	150	0	0
Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects to be added to the Technical Instruction Department at the Public Libraries	150	0	0
Bursaries to aid Deserving Students appointed to Corporation Scholarships at the College of Science and the Rutherford College, who cannot pursue their studies without aid	300	0	0
	£4,678	10	0

Laing Art Gallery.

In February, 1900, Mr. Alexander Laing offered to build, at a cost of £20,000, an Art Gallery, to be called the Laing Gallery. He was anxious to utilise the Higham Place site which belonged to the Public Libraries Committee, if this could be arranged. The matter was accordingly referred to the consideration of this Committee, who subsequently (to anticipate matters that have occurred since the end of the Library year) asked their Chairman to report to the Council, that

After carefully considering the whole subject, they had resolved:—

"That a report be presented to the Council on the 2nd May recommending, firstly, that the Council place the land in Higham Place, adjoining the Public Library, at the disposal of Mr. Alexander Laing for the purpose of his erecting thereon the Laing Art Gallery; and, secondly, that the Council be recommended to empower the Public Libraries Committee to purchase the land and premises in the upper part of Higham Place belonging to Messrs. H. and A. Hunter, containing an area of about 1,520 square yards, at a price not exceeding £16,000, for the purpose of extending the Libraries and Reading-room, and also the Art Gallery, as circumstances may require in the future."

Dated the 27th day of April, 1900.

Staff.

To the responsible members of the library staff the Committee are glad once more to express their thanks for hearty co-operation in their endeavour to carry out, according to a liberal interpretation, the intentions of the Public Libraries Acts. These intentions consist, it will be remembered, in providing for the instruction and recreation of the people whose libraries it is the Committee's duty and pleasure to administer; and their administration is very greatly facilitated by the zeal and accuracy which the staff as a whole has uniformly displayed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON, Chairman.

Town Hall, July 6th, 1900.

Presented to the City Council, August 1st, 1900.

Adopted by the City Council, August 1st, 1900.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)		1144
,, Purchase (Technical)		229
,, Gift (including 213 vols. of Patents)		528
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		82
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		16
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library		2
		2001
Less—Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	11	16
,, ,, Victoria Library	5	
		1,985

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase		1059
,, Gift		40
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom		38
,, Transfer from Reference Library		11
		1148
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	2	3
,, ,, Victoria Library	1	
		1,145

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	1158
,, Gift	19
	1,177

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	1796
,, Gift	13
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library	1
,, ,, ,, Reference Library	5
	1,815

Total Additions to Stock for Year ending 25th March, 1900—6,122.

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending Library.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound	891*	604	391	31	1,917
Volumes Replaced	3	1023	239	16	1,281

* Includes 158 Volumes of Patents.

Book destroyed by fire in Reference Library, and not yet replaced:—
Analytical Society's Proceedings, 4to, Cambridge, 1813.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1900, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1899.															
March 27th to 31st ..	..	11	78	3	10	45	8	20	56	33	25	184	473	4	118
April	..	92	598	12	153	247	59	276	250	205	397	1,357	3,646	24	152
May	..	247	429	38	121	465	132	441	539	241	665	1,145	4,463	26	171
June 1st to 17th* ..	223	143	1,586	9	64	1,013	23	1,146	517	207	704	876	6,511	15	434
July 6th to 31st* ..	8	206	663	3	88	188	25	168	160	195	57	1,020	2,781	22	126
August	..	113	755	24	125	845	39	469	437	144	335	1,315	4,601	26	177
September	11	318	1,095	24	153	2,627	87	432	379	223	538	1,216	7,103	26	273
October	6	74	1,207	37	142	825	54	259	413	685	370	1,010	5,082	26	195
November	4	409	1,437	20	84	260	138	638	472	454	564	1,427	5,907	26	227
December	1	351	903	24	131	315	131	1,097	497	425	342	798	5,015	24	209
1900.															
January	..	79	1,697	22	119	275	74	167	506	273	448	1,215	4,875	25	195
February	46	43	1,386	28	147	464	99	156	543	214	333	1,012	4,471	24	186
March 1st to 24th ..	12	64	1,327	12	106	214	77	763	268	143	466	781	4,233	21	201
	311	2,150	13,161	256	1,443	7,783	946	6,032	5,037	3,442	5,244	13,356	59,161	289	205
Class % of entire Issue	·53	3·63	22·25	·43	2·44	13·16	1·60	10·20	8·51	5·82	8·86	22·57	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each Class	1	8	46	..	5	27	3	21	18	12	18	46	205	..	..

* The Reference Library was entirely closed from June 19th, to and including July 5th, 1899, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc., whilst its work was almost entirely stopped from 6th to 20th July, through the presence of the Painters and Decorators.

TABLE IV.—CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, during the year ended March 25th, 1900.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1899.													
March 27th to 31st	27	112	96	26	7	25	13	1063	124	324	1817	3½	519
April	187	877	644	174	83	174	220	6482	654	1949	11444	22	520
May	211	797	593	177	63	124	220	6386	642	1860	11073	23½	471
June 1st to 17th*	57	276	197	79	16	44	80	2176	261	562	3748	13	288
July 6th to 31st*	153	572	510	139	73	108	110	4867	433	1329	8294	20½	404
August	213	706	662	159	125	124	157	5757	619	1379	9901	23½	421
September	164	849	665	181	127	179	156	6252	589	1510	10672	24	445
October	221	932	678	132	113	156	208	6208	843	1736	11227	24	468
November	187	962	626	172	117	116	184	6109	859	1644	10976	23½	470
December	182	676	466	94	170	111	114	5758	616	1492	9679	22	440
1900.													
January	175	665	528	110	154	112	150	6139	686	1668	10387	22½	461
February..	143	733	530	113	130	96	137	6027	560	1597	10066	22	457
March 1st to 24th	143	683	494	92	118	110	104	5507	486	1558	9295	19½	477
	2,063	8,840	6,689	1,648	1,296	1,479	1,853	68,731	7,372	18,608	118,579	263½	450
Class percentage of entire issue	1·74	7·46	5·64	1·39	1·09	1·25	1·56	57·96	6·22	15·69	100·00	....	....
Daily average in each class ..	8	34	25	6	5	6	7	261	28	70	450	....	....

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 18th to and including July 5th, 1899, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning, and for Re-decoration. On June 17th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of Books only.

TABLE V.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Daily Average Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, during the year ended March 25th, 1900.

Date.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1899.														
March 27th to 31st	625	9	2	5	13	1	27	18	23	17	50	790	3½	225
April	3,711	109	34	46	92	13	114	147	181	141	326	4,914	22	223
May	3,193	92	22	59	89	22	94	104	140	132	248	4,195	23½	178
*June	1,729	88	13	9	44	9	36	46	55	38	95	2,162	16	135
July	3,292	89	18	21	88	22	95	88	120	140	192	4,165	24	173
August	3,187	111	17	27	73	22	89	115	106	124	203	4,074	23½	173
September	3,560	173	21	58	94	27	92	157	178	137	267	4,764	24	198
October	3,615	155	21	51	115	17	113	165	178	158	302	4,890	24	203
November	3,266	134	16	50	101	17	132	120	150	168	360	4,514	23½	192
December	2,686	134	22	49	80	13	89	67	107	129	238	3,614	22	164
1900.														
January	3,122	148	20	51	99	20	113	108	159	153	315	4,308	22½	191
February	2,932	150	12	34	85	8	109	100	131	142	251	3,954	22	179
March 1st to 24th	2,611	177	22	42	92	17	101	94	159	128	224	3,667	19½	188
Total Issue in each Class ..	37,529	1,569	240	502	1,065	208	1,204	1,329	1,687	1,607	3,071	50,011	270	185
Class % of entire Issue ..	75·04	3·14	·48	1·00	2·13	·42	2·41	2·66	3·37	3·21	6·14	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class.	139	6	1	2	4	1	4	5	6	6	11	185	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Library is closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Library was closed for nine days in June, 1899, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning, and for Re-decoration.

On June 17th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VI.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

ISSUES TO READERS FOR YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1900.

Classes:—	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Average Daily Issue.
Total adult issue	31,859	1547	232	397	506	203	1,007	1,239	1,573	1,533	2,668	42,764	270	158
Class percentage of adult issue	74·50	3·62	·54	·93	1·18	·47	2·35	2·90	3·68	3·59	6·24	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	118	6	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	5	10	158	..	..
Total juvenile issues	5,670	22	8	105	559*	5	197	90	114	74	403	7,247	270	27
Class percentage of juv'le issues	78·24	·31	·11	1·45	7·71	·07	2·72	1·24	1·57	1·02	5·56	100·00	..	..
Total issue	37,529	1,569	240	502	1,065	208	1,204	1,329	1,687	1,607	3,071	50,011	..	..

The Library was closed for nine days in June, 1899, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning, and for Re-decoration.

On June 17th, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

* This includes traditional tales and legends.

TABLE VII.—VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Average Daily Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, from July 10th, 1899, to March 25th, 1900.

Date.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1899.														
July 10th to 31st	1,085	19	7	47	57	8	64	66	76	48	87	1,564	17½	89
August	2,367	38	25	54	96	17	147	97	133	116	249	3,339	23½	142
September	3,034	40	9	77	72	23	152	156	181	139	377	4,260	24	177
October	3,388	67	17	61	95	12	157	163	201	181	346	4,688	24	195
November	3,358	56	13	44	88	11	180	108	182	163	371	4,574	23½	194
December	2,909	59	11	46	80	2	91	99	120	106	248	3,771	22	171
1900.														
January	3,478	106	17	60	79	11	126	149	156	142	286	4,610	22½	205
February	3,310	144	14	48	73	12	104	112	127	133	263	4,340	22	197
March 1st to 24th	3,034	146	23	31	57	13	83	97	134	120	272	4,010	19½	205
Total Issue in each Class ..	25,963	675	136	468	697	109	1,104	1,047	1,310	1,148	2,499	35,156	198½	177
Class % of entire Issue ..	73·85	1·92	·39	1·33	1·98	·31	3·14	2·98	3·73	3·26	7·11	100·00	....	....
Daily Average in each Class.	131	3	1	2	3	1	5	5	7	6	13	177	....	....

Lending Library closed each Wednesday at 1 o'clock noon.

Library opened to public 10th July, 1899.

TABLE VIII.—VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

ISSUES TO READERS FOR 8½ MONTHS ENDING MARCH 25TH, 1900.

CLASSES:—	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Average Daily Issue.
Total adult issue	18,596	569	129	367	319	96	715	944	1,143	897	1,693	25,468	198½	128
Class percentage of adult issue	73·02	2·23	·50	1·44	1·25	·38	2·81	3·71	4·49	3·52	6·65	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	93	3	1	2	2	1	3	5	6	4	8	128	..	..
Total juvenile issues	7,367	106	7	101	378	13	389	103	167	251	806	9,688	198½	49
Class percentage of juv'le issues	76·04	1·10	·07	1·04	3·90	·14	4·02	1·06	1·72	2·59	8·32	100·00	..	..
Total issue	25,963	675	136	468	697	109	1,104	1,047	1,310	1,148	2,499	35,156	..	177

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Newcastle Daily Chronicle, Newcastle	1	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation	3	
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Schl. Board		1
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Browne (Sir B. C.), Newcastle ..	3	2
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Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (per T. Lawson)..		1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Schl. Board (per the Clerk)		1
Wilson (J.), Newcastle	1	

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1900.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 25—To Balance to next year in respect of Central Library	7,072 18 6	
Do. do. Stephenson Branch Library	652 13 4	
Do. do. Victoria Branch Library	584 14 0	
		8,310 5 10
		£8,310 5 10

Memo.

Capital Cost to 25th March, 1900—

Central Library ..	£28,808 18 6
Stephenson Branch Library	652 13 4
Victoria Branch Library	584 14 0
	£30,046 5 10

Cr.

1900.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Central Library:—			
Mar. 25—By Balance from last year			6,984 9 5
,, Corporation, Paving, &c., Higham Place ..			88 9 1
			7,072 18 6
Stephenson Branch Library:—			
,, Balance from last year			652 13 4
Victoria Branch Library:—			
,, Balance from last year.. ..		236 16 11	
,, Salaries to Clerks and Draughtsmen ..	3 10 0		
,, E. & S. George, Cork Carpet	119 8 7		
,, Library Bureau Stacking	206 0 0		
,, T. Sanderson, Iron Railings .. .	13 15 6		
,, J. T. Dove & Co. Plastering.. ..	5 3 0		
		347 17 1	
			584 14 0
			£8,310 5 10

Dr. PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT. Cr.

1900.		£ s. d.	£. s. d.	£ s. d.
March 25.	To Balance from last year ..	.. ..	.. ..	935 13 4
	,, Rate Collected	4,474 16 3		
	Less Cost of Collecting Rate and Proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	47 0 0		
			4,427 16 3	
	To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c., sold	99 17 10		
	,, Rent of Ground	10 0 0		
Technical Instruction—				
	Grant for Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects ..	150 0 0		
			259 17 10	

1900.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 25.	Central Library—			
	By Interest on Mortgages ..	159 11 10		
	,, Dividends on Stock ..	586 18 7		
			746 10 5	
	,, Contribution for Redemption of Mortgages ..	71 9 6		
	,, ,, ,, of Stock	166 3 7		
	,, ,, Stock Expenses	2 17 0		
			240 10 1	
				987 0 6
	,, Salaries, Wages, &c. ..	.. ..	987 5 4	
	,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	881 0 0		
	,, Books (Technical Instruction)	167 16 0		
	,, Binding	177 16 1		
	,, Carriage of Books, &c. ..	6 4 0		
			1,232 16 1	
	,, Janitor's Uniform ..	.. ..	5 0 0	
	,, Librarian's Disbursements	22 15 1		
	,, Fittings, Repairs, &c. ..	25 7 0		
			48 2 1	
	,, Printing, Stationery, &c..	83 12 8		
	,, Coals	31 4 0		
	,, Insurance	33 7 6		
	,, Water	4 10 0		
	,, Electric Light and Gas ..	145 15 10		
	,, Rates and Taxes	80 11 11		
	,, Church of Divine Unity, Liberty of Cornice ..	0 5 0		
			379 6 11	
	,, Sundries	0 4 5		
	,, Expenses of Deputations to Library Conference, &c.	30 0 0		
			30 4 5	

		4,687 14 1	
BRANCH LIBRARIES—			
To Rate Collected	2,256 18 0		
Less Cost of Collecting Rate, and proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	27 10 0		
		2,229 8 0	
STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c.. Sold	43 8 8		
VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY—			
To Fines and Damages, Catalogues Sold	38 6 8		
		81 15 4	
			6,998 17 5
			£7,934 10 9

,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c.		396 8 4	
			3,079 3 2
			4,066 3 8
STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
,, Salaries and Wages		316 17 9	
,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	285 9 0		
,, Binding	28 8 6		
,, Printing, Stationery, &c...	7 13 10		
,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	0 14 0		
		322 5 4	
,, Janitor's Uniform..		4 18 6	
,, Librarian's Disbursements		6 7 0	
,, New Fittings and Repairs		6 17 0	
,, Fuel, Water, Rates, &c. ..	46 19 10		
,, Electric Light and Gas ..	54 3 7		
,, Insurance	1 17 6		
		103 0 11	
,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c.		88 1 0	
			848 7 6
VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY—			
,, Salaries and Wages		287 11 6	
,, Books	367 1 1		
,, Binding	3 11 6		
,, Printing and Stationery ..	10 16 10		
,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	3 1 8		
		384 11 1	
,, Librarian's Disbursements		5 0 7	
,, New Fittings		49 0 0	
,, Fuel, Water, &c.	29 7 0		
,, Electric Light and Gas ..	31 17 8		
,, Insurance	7 4 5		
		68 9 1	
,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c. ..		47 6 0	
			841 18 3
			5,756 9 5
,, Balance to next year			2,178 1 4
			£7,934 10 9

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

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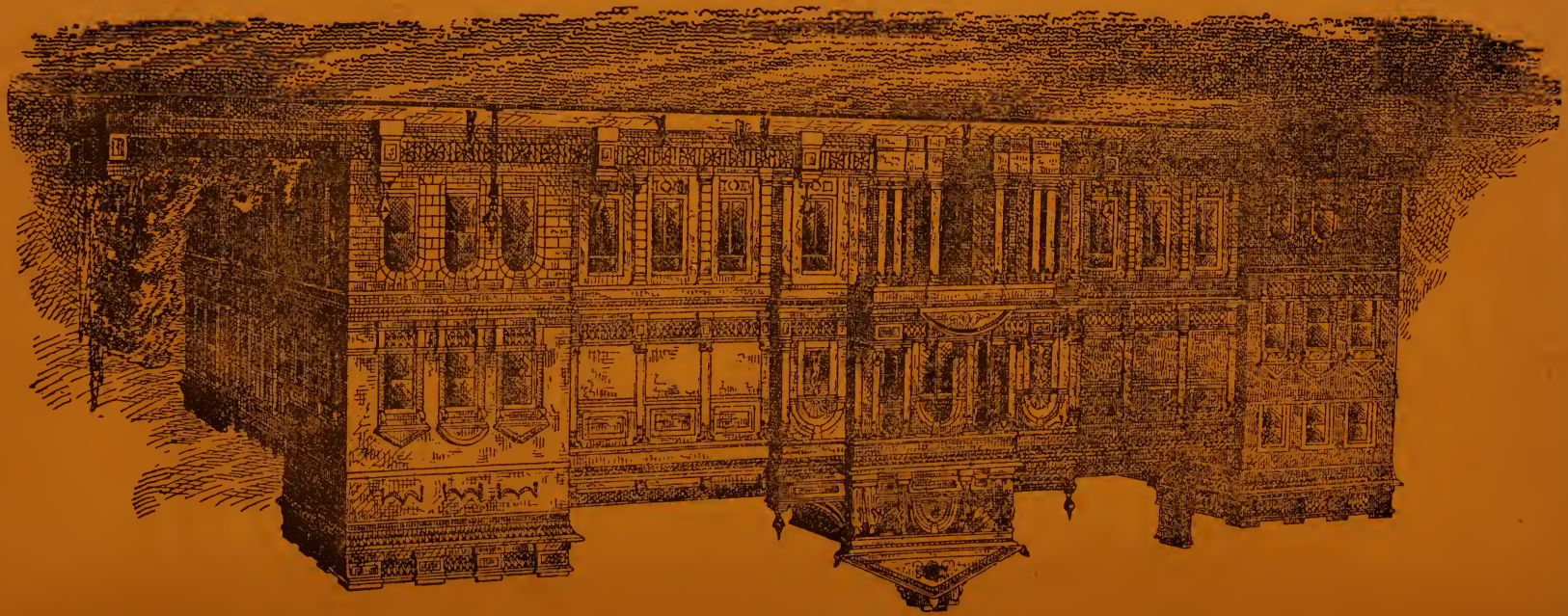

City and County of
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20th Report . . .

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1900-1901.

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Twentieth Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1900-1901.

To the Members of the City Council.

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in submitting to your consideration a summary of the work done at the Central and Branch Libraries during the year ended March 25th, 1901.

The total stock of books on March 25th, 1901, was 112,468, viz.:—Reference, 51,323; Central Lending, 42,394; Stephenson, 9,892; Victoria, 8,859.

Apart from the innumerable issues of magazines and newspapers, which are in as great demand as ever, the total issues for the year were 280,478 as against 262,907 recorded last year. They were distributed as follows:—Reference Library, 65,052 (including 9,667 estimated consultations of indices and abridgments of patents*); Central Lending Library, 110,512; Stephenson Branch, 50,688; Victoria Branch, 54,226.

The estimated total number of readers in the news rooms and magazine rooms has this year been 1,292,173, as against 1,150,344 last year. They were distributed as follows:—Central, 1,023,388; Stephenson, 175,824; Victoria, 92,961. These figures are based on periodical countings.

* These are placed in the magazine room and the public there have "open access" to them. The average number consulted per day, according to 15 counts made in the course of the year, is 33.

Stocktaking. At the annual stocktaking in June–July, 1900, it was found that 3 volumes were missing from the Reference Library, 8 from the Central Lending, 2 from the Stephenson Branch, and none from the Victoria. Of these, two have since been accounted for in the Central Lending. 67 books have been lost in all since the opening of the Library in 1880, whilst the total issue since that date has been 5,163,260.

Central Libraries. The amount of money spent on books was again less than usual, owing to the necessity of providing for other demands, such as structural alterations and redemption of loans. During the year a Fine Arts Catalogue, which had been for some little time in preparation, was published. It contains the works on the fine arts in the Reference and Lending Libraries and includes a notably complete section of works illustrated by the Bewicks. This particular section gains a special interest in consequence of the news just received of a very valuable bequest from the late J. W. Pease, Esq., of Pendower. Mr. Pease had for many years been an ardent Bewick collector and had acquired many of the artist's most valuable pictures, blocks and tools. Since his death, which caused widespread sorrow, the Committee have heard that he had resolved to bequeath these to the care of the Public Library. Details will be shortly in the hands of the Committee, and a proper record will be made in the next annual report, as the event properly belongs to a time subsequent to the 25th March. The bequest when it is received will be by no means the least prized of those of which the Public Libraries Committee has taken charge. It is needless to point out how the reputation of the city is enhanced by its possession of such treasures, and how visitors and students are drawn by it from afar for purposes of consultation.

By a coincidence, the Fine Arts Catalogue was produced in the year in which Mr. Laing's offer of £20,000 was made to the city for the purpose of building an Art Gallery. The negotiations about the provision of a suitable site, which necessarily followed on the acceptance of the offer, were completed several months ago, and the erection of the building rests now between Mr. Laing and the architects.

Reference Library. In addition to the ordinary work of this department good progress has this year again been made in re-classifying the books and arranging them upon the shelves. It is now possible, to an extent not hitherto attainable, to see at a glance what are the resources of this really valuable Library upon any given subject, and while the strength of the Library becomes manifest, it is possible, at the same time, to see in which direction there is weakness, and to remedy the defect. About three-fifths of the whole are now properly arranged.

In pursuance of the Committee's scheme of issuing special lists on separate subjects as supplements to the general author catalogue exhibited in the Library itself, it is intended to issue shortly a Mathematical List, and a Technical List (*i.e.* a list of the chief books purchased out of the Technical Instruction grant.) The latter, which covers a wide range of subjects, will be carefully classified.

Turning to the books chiefly consulted during the year, the class Philosophy shows an increase, being nearly double what it was last year; Religion a slight decrease; Sociology a marked decrease; Natural Science a great increase; Useful Arts a slight increase; Fine Arts and Literature a decrease. As more money becomes available for the purchase of recent and important books, and as such disturbing influences as the war in South Africa fade away, the issues will probably rise and the Reference Library become a popular resort of students of all ages and conditions.

The Committee resolved last year to purchase a set of the Philosophical Magazine; and it is a pleasure to report that the acquisition is now nearly complete. The volumes, many of which are rare and difficult to procure, have been purchased at a very reasonable rate. This set forms a valuable and notable addition to our resources.

Another important decision of the Committee which will bear fruit in the new year relates to the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature. The question of purchasing this work, which is edited by the Royal Society, and which gives a key to scientific investigation all over the world, was raised first in February, and after due deliberation and careful inquiries as to its unique value and the benefit likely to accrue to scholars and students in the district, the Committee in April unanimously decided to make the purchase.

A considerable number of desirable gifts have this year been received, and the names of the donors are recorded in one of the tables appended.

The last of the books destroyed by the fire in 1884 has now been replaced. It is the Analytical Society's memoirs for 1813. A copy of the long sought volume was discovered bound up with a number of mathematical tracts acquired recently by the Committee.

Central Lending Library.

The much needed extension of shelf room mentioned in the last report has been put in hand, and is now practically complete. The extra room has been gained by utilising the entrance hall to what was once the Mechanics' Institute.

The re-cataloguing of this department is well in hand. As the work progresses a constant revision of the stock is maintained, and a weeding out of useless and out-of-date volumes is effected.

Exhibitions of books illustrating such subjects as awake from time to time the special interest of the public continue to be made, and to prove attractive to readers.

1,142 books have been bound for this department during the year, and 1,360 replaced. The work of replacing worn-out books has now been brought up to date, and there is only the normal waste of current wear and tear to deal with. Among the books replaced during 1900 the following selection may be mentioned as showing that much serious work is done in connection with Lending Libraries:—Carlyle's Choice of Books; Bacon's Advancement of Learning; Billing's Scientific Materialism and Ultimate Conceptions; Butler's Analogy of Religion; Buxton's Handbook of Political Questions; Fawcett's Political Economy; Ruskin's Unto this Last; books on German and Spanish grammar; various books by Darwin, Lubbock, Tyndall, Todhunter; Ball's Astronomy; Dobson's Art of Building; Foster's Physiology and Mivart's Anatomy; Hellyer's books on Plumbing; various engineering books; Hansard's Typographia and Hullah's Music in the House; Poetical Works by Browning, Tennyson, Scott, Shakespeare and Wordsworth; and translations of Homer and Plato. There were also, of course, many books on history, travel, and biography.

Owing to the long continued difficulty of securing suitable lads for carrying on the work of the Libraries, the Committee resolved to appoint women assistants in one of the branches, and to draft the boy assistants on to the Central Library. The change was to take effect at the beginning of April.

Stephenson Branch.

This Library continues to be well used, and the magazine rooms are a place of pleasant resort to the inhabitants of Elswick. The stock of books at 25th March was 9,892, and the year's recorded issue 50,688 —a slight increase on last year's work. Details of the issues will be found elsewhere.

212 books, worn out by much use, have been replaced during the year.

Victoria Branch.

This branch has amply confirmed its first promise of success and popularity. It has issued during the year 54,226 volumes. Its total stock at 25th March was 8,859, and the number of its readers, with tickets in force, 3,015.

Two or three small examples may once more be given of the varied reading which, being made possible by the Committee's policy in the choice of books, is carried on by at least many of the readers :—

One ticket holder read through Lewes' History of Philosophy.

Another read 7 vols. out of 10 of Bacon's Works.

A third had out Steinmetz and Berg's Alternating Current Phenomena; Bell's Electric Power Transmission; Kapp's Transformers; Kapp's Electric Transmission of Energy; Hawkins and Wallis' The Dynamo; Salomon's Electric Light Installations (3 vols.).

Generally, books on electricity have proved very useful. Apart from issues in fiction, those in History, Travel, and Biography have been most abundant; then those in miscellaneous books and magazines; next, in the order stated, those in Music and Fine Arts; in Literature proper; in Science (pure and applied); and in Sociology.

Technical Instruction.

The grants in aid of technical instruction were allocated by the Libraries Committee in the following way, their report being presented to the Council and adopted on March 6th, 1901 :—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Grammar School	148	10	0
St. Cuthbert's R.C. Grammar School	250	0	0
Elswick Works Institute	360	0	0
Allan's Endowed Schools	200	0	0
Durham College of Science	1,200	0	0
Rutherford College	1,150	0	0
,, ,, Special Grant towards reducing the Debt on College Buildings	250	0	0
Newcastle School Board, for the purpose of Evening Continuation Schools	360	0	0
School of Cookery and Domestic Economy ...	150	0	0
Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects to be added to the Technical Instruction Department at the Public Libraries	250	0	0
Bursaries to aid deserving Students appointed to Corporation Scholarships at the College of Science and the Rutherford College who cannot pursue their Studies without aid	300	0	0
Newcastle and District Typographia and Guild of the Allied Trades	50	0	0
	£4,668	10	0

Conferences. The Library Association held its Conference this year at Bristol, and the Committee's delegates, as on the last occasion, were Councillor Flowers (vice-chairman of the Books Committee), Councillor Rodgers, and Mr. Anderton, the Public Librarian. The papers may be grouped as follows :—

A. Those dealing with Local Institutions and Libraries.

B. Those dealing with such expansions of Library work as the provision of Lectures, the formation of Readers' Unions, and the provision of Art Galleries.

C. That dealing with Masonic Libraries.

D. Those dealing with practical administrative questions, and with cataloguing.

E. That dealing with the transmission, or rather the non-transmission, of disease by means of books.

The Librarian's detailed report on the meeting has already been printed and circulated.

These conferences have now been held in London (four times), in Manchester (twice), in Plymouth, in Aberdeen, Oxford, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin, Birmingham, Glasgow, Paris, Nottingham, Reading, Cardiff, and many other towns. That for the current year will be again held in Plymouth. It is hoped that Newcastle may soon in turn see its way to invite the Association to hold a meeting here.

In February, one of the monthly meetings of the Association was held in Darlington, when a number of north-country librarians, who were interested in the question of forming a Northern Counties Association, attended. A paper by Mr. Anderton, on "Continuity in Staff and Work," was read in his absence by the sub-librarian. It was subsequently decided to form the proposed Association, and the Public Librarian of Newcastle, who had recently been elected to the Council of the parent Association, was chosen president for the first year.

Alderman Newton. In January, 1901, the Alderman Newton Presentation Portrait Fund was formed, the hon. secretaries being Councillor R. Flowers (Vice-Chairman of the Books Committee) and Mr. J. J. Pace, City Treasurer. It arose from the desire of the Public Libraries Committee to express their gratitude to Alderman Newton for his long services to the city, and more especially to the affairs of the Public Library, which he was chiefly instrumental in obtaining and over which he had presided for upwards of 26 years. He had, for 34 years, been a member of the Council, and had filled the offices of Mayor and Sheriff. The Reference

Library was, in the year of his Mayoralty, opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales, as was also the Armstrong Park, he being then, as now, Chairman of the Parks Committee.

It was resolved to present Alderman Newton with an oil painting of himself, and Mr. Ralph Hedley has been commissioned to carry out the work, which it is hoped will be hung ultimately in the Laing Art Gallery.

Staff.

It is pleasing to record that in November Mr. T. A. Onions, who had during a number of years proved himself an able and energetic Assistant Librarian here, was selected out of nearly 500 applicants to fill the vacant librarianship to the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Committee have again to express their high appreciation of the admirable manner in which the affairs of the Public Libraries have been carried on during the year by Mr. Anderton and his staff of assistants.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Committee congratulate the Council on the increasing use that the public makes of the City Libraries. That a great deal of the reading done is of a high character, and has real literary and scientific value, is clearly shown alike by the facts already mentioned, and by the evidence of the statistical tables appended to this report.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

HENRY W. NEWTON, Chairman.

Town Hall, May 31st, 1901.

Presented to the City Council, June 5th, 1901.

Adopted by the City Council, June 5th, 1901.

TABLE I.

Showing the Additions to Stock during the Year.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

By Purchase (Ordinary)		1040
,, Purchase (Technical)		301
,, Gift (including 123 vols. of Patents)		340
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom (purchased)		90
,, ,, ,, ,, (presented)		41
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library		9
,, ,, ,, Victoria Library		2
		1823
Less—Volumes transferred to Central Lending Library	4	5
,, ,, Stephenson Library	1	
		1818

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

By Purchase		736
,, Gift		15
,, Magazines bound from Newsroom		55
,, Transfer from Reference Library		5
		811
Less—Volumes transferred to Reference Library	9	10
,, ,, Stephenson Library	1	
		801

STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	935
,, Gift	7
,, Transfer from Central Lending Library	1
,, ,, ,, Reference Library	1
	944

VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

By Purchase	964
,, Gift	25
,, Magazines bound from Newsrooms	31
	1020
Less—Volumes transferred to Central Reference Library	2
	1,018

Total Additions to Stock for Year ending 25th March, 1901—4,581.

TABLE II.

Showing Number of Volumes Bound and Replaced during the Year.

	Reference Library.	Central Lending L brary.	Stephenson Branch Library.	Victoria Branch Library.	Total.
Volumes Bound	730*	1,142	433	324	2,629
Volumes Replaced	2	1,360	212	26	1,600

* Includes 123 Volumes of Patents.

All Books destroyed by fire in Reference Library have now been replaced.

TABLE III.

Showing the Number of Volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the Twelve Months ended March 25th, 1901, the Number of Days Open, the Average Daily Issue, the Total Issue in each Class, and the Class Percentage of Issue.

Date.	Thomlinson Library.	Patent Specifications.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1900.															
March 26th to 31st ..	21	51	328	1	26	101	28	726	111	55	74	195	1,717	6	286
April	1	131	897	10	52	337	59	154	319	154	180	1,431	3,725	23	162
May	19	190	908	11	102	299	80	244	566	212	222	1,013	3,866	27	143
June 1st to 23rd* ..	286	109	584	9	62	266	156	324	410	106	249	935	3,496	18	194
July 9th to 31st* ..	1	167	699	10	65	147	58	170	367	97	102	664	2,547	20	127
August	..	164	992	16	127	375	47	170	346	235	191	1,048	3,711	26	143
September	9	204	1,207	13	207	364	44	345	616	221	191	888	4,309	25	172
October	95	95	970	19	110	301	86	393	583	268	203	990	4,113	27	152
November	..	239	1,019	448	118	383	97	492	565	200	238	1,118	4,917	26	189
December	115	184	1,046	15	72	289	74	297	424	195	186	858	3,755	22½	167
1901.															
January	2	209	939	15	90	328	110	198	504	239	235	1,192	4,061	26	156
February	..	246	1,104	12	69	276	88	4,581	520	209	231	1,226	8,562	23	372
March 1st to 25th ..	..	255	975	20	186	252	100	2,628	395	200	245	1,350	6,606	21	314
	549	2,244	11,668	599	1,286	3,718	1,027	10,722	5,726	2,391	2,547	12,908	55,385	290½	190
Class % of entire Issue	1·00	4·05	21·07	1·08	2·32	6·71	1·85	19·36	10·34	4·32	4·60	23·30	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each Class	2	8	40	2	4	13	3	37	20	8	9	44	190	..	..

* The Reference Library was entirely closed from June 25th, to and including July 7th, 1900, for the Annual Stock-taking, Cleaning, etc.

TABLE IV.—CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days open, the Average Daily Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, during the year ended March 25th, 1901.

Date.	Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy.	History, Biography, Geography, Voyages, and Travels.	Science and Natural History.	Fine Arts, British Topography, and Antiquities.	Jurisprudence, Commerce, Politics, and Statistics.	Philology and Education.	Poetry and the Drama.	Prose Fiction.	Collected Works, Magazines, and Miscellaneous Literature.	Juvenile Literature.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1900.													
March 26th to 31st	45	176	143	31	18	29	45	1,450	110	398	2,445	5½	445
April	185	573	474	108	85	123	169	5,593	491	1,458	9,259	22	421
May	190	545	500	120	99	127	126	5,625	459	1,436	9,227	24½	377
June 1st to 23rd*	81	280	248	81	46	43	76	2,986	219	641	4,701	17	277
July 9th to 31st*	126	359	354	101	47	63	82	3,966	283	809	6,190	18½	335
August	143	457	441	142	68	92	140	5,634	427	1,167	8,711	23½	371
September	155	451	572	189	101	102	136	6,040	529	1,310	9,585	23	417
October	176	622	567	166	123	115	151	6,528	583	1,590	10,621	24½	434
November	178	685	602	160	163	129	201	6,556	589	1,628	10,891	24	454
December	144	528	513	129	208	126	137	5,647	452	1,414	9,298	20½	454
1901.													
January	170	583	551	162	114	106	223	6,407	566	1,560	10,442	23½	445
February..	165	610	581	137	111	125	184	6,018	479	1,551	9,961	21	474
March 1st to 25th	171	584	628	123	70	117	159	5,435	517	1,377	9,181	19½	471
	1,929	6,453	6,174	1,649	1,253	1,297	1,829	67,885	5,704	16,339	110,512	267	414
Class percentage of entire issue	1·75	5·84	5·58	1·49	1·14	1·17	1·66	61·43	5·16	14·78	100·00	....	....
Daily average in each class ..	7	25	23	6	5	5	7	254	21	61	414	....	....

N.B.—The Lending Libraries are closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Lending Libraries were closed from June 25th to and including July 7th, 1900, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning. On June 23rd, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of Books only.

TABLE V.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY

Showing the Monthly Issue in each Class, the Number of Days Open, the Average Daily Issue, the Total Issue, the Class Percentage, and the Daily Average in each Class, during the year ended March 25th, 1901.

Date.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1900.														
March 26th to 31st	715	37	3	11	14	4	18	24	28	46	46	946	5½	172
April	2,746	111	21	36	59	13	81	89	116	167	205	3,644	21	173
May	2,838	109	13	31	48	18	98	87	96	153	169	3,660	21	174
*June	1,594	59	9	8	44	13	35	39	53	57	109	2,020	17	118
July	2,837	153	10	20	43	26	81	78	78	151	149	3,626	24	151
August	3,159	191	9	27	56	20	112	91	127	163	177	4,132	23½	175
September	3,204	214	25	26	60	22	101	122	151	184	190	4,299	23	186
October	3,626	206	12	30	82	32	125	167	184	201	226	4,891	24½	199
November	3,561	255	13	40	99	36	120	133	217	180	273	4,927	24	205
December	3,133	199	13	43	83	20	104	79	125	179	190	4,168	21	198
1901.														
January	3,725	206	23	41	95	27	115	117	119	186	282	4,936	23½	210
February	3,547	197	29	41	120	22	131	121	139	164	282	4,793	21	226
March 1st to 25th	3,302	207	31	43	88	26	133	134	159	213	310	4,646	19½	238
Total Issue in each Class ..	37,987	2,144	211	397	891	279	1,254	1,281	1,592	2,044	2,608	50,688	268½	188
Class % of entire Issue ..	74·94	4·23	·42	·78	1·76	·55	2·47	2·53	3·14	4·03	5·15	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class.	141	8	1	1	3	1	5	5	6	7	10	188	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Library is closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Library was closed from June 25th to and including June 30th, 1900, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning.

On June 23rd, the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VI.—STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO ADULT AND JUVENILE READERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH, 1901.

Classes.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy, Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days open.	Average Daily Issue.
Total adult issue	29,748	1,560	209	344	521	245	1,096	1,227	1,516	2,005	2,407	40,878	268½	152
Class percentage of adult issue	72·77	3·82	·51	·84	1·28	·59	2·68	3·00	3·71	4·91	5·89	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	111	6	1	1	2	1	4	4	6	7	9	152	..	..
Total juvenile issues	8,239	584	2	53	370*	34	158	54	76	39	201	9,810	268½	36
Class percentage of juv'le issues	83·99	5·95	·02	·54	3·77	·35	1·61	·55	·78	·39	2·05	100·00	..	..
Total issue	37,987	2,144	211	397	891	279	1,254	1,281	1,592	2,044	2,608	50,688	..	..

The Library was closed from June 25th to and including June 30th, 1900, for the Annual Stock-taking and Cleaning.

On June 23rd the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

* This includes traditional tales and legends.

TABLE VII.—VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

SHOWING THE MONTHLY ISSUE IN EACH CLASS, THE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN, THE AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE, THE TOTAL ISSUE, THE CLASS PERCENTAGE, AND THE DAILY AVERAGE IN EACH CLASS, DURING THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 25TH, 1901.

DATE.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	TOTAL ISSUE.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
1900.														
March 26th to 31st	819	55	3	13	18	1	21	31	28	26	66	1,081	5½	197
April	3,131	182	18	40	64	11	97	110	109	114	230	4,106	21	195
May	3,063	152	14	31	64	18	119	168	133	106	227	4,095	24½	167
*June 1st to 22nd	1,509	98	6	14	33	12	50	53	75	50	95	1,995	16	124
July	2,845	152	8	39	60	22	86	101	119	97	240	3,769	24	157
August	3,211	152	11	41	81	15	99	90	191	127	322	4,340	23½	184
September	3,669	157	19	40	74	13	107	127	183	154	350	4,893	23	213
October	3,908	206	24	40	104	31	158	165	182	140	410	5,368	24½	219
November	3,920	211	16	60	96	25	149	138	184	153	433	5,385	24	224
December	3,251	208	21	42	92	13	102	107	155	157	349	4,497	21	214
1901.														
January	3,872	225	14	47	107	16	126	118	203	138	403	5,269	23½	224
February	3,533	217	27	49	88	17	123	129	148	190	394	4,915	21	234
March 1st to 25th	3,181	226	24	56	98	12	135	132	171	165	313	4,513	19½	231
Total Issue in each Class ..	39,912	2,241	205	512	979	206	1,372	1,469	1,881	1,617	3,832	54,226	271	200
Class % of entire Issue ..	73·60	4·13	·38	·94	1·81	·38	2·53	2·71	3·47	2·98	7·07	100·00	..	..
Daily Average in each Class.	147	8	1	2	4	1	5	5	7	6	14	200	..	..

N.B.—The Lending Library is closed each Wednesday at one o'clock p.m.

* The Library was closed for six days in June, 1900, for the Annual Stocktaking and Cleaning.

On June 23rd the Lending Library was open for the *receipt* of books only.

TABLE VIII.—VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES TO ADULT AND JUVENILE READERS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 25TH, 1901.

Classes.	Prose Fiction.	General Works, Magazines, &c.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology, Political Science and Economy. Education.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature, (Poetry, Drama, Essays, Satire, &c.)	History, Biography, and Geography.	Total Issue.	Number of Days Open.	Average Daily Issue.
Total Adult issues	28,701	1,250	190	391	545	173	1,070	1,364	1,685	1,448	3,116	39,933	271	147
Class percentage of adult issue..	71·87	3·13	·48	·98	1·37	·43	2·68	3·41	4·22	3·63	7·80	100·00	..	..
Daily average in each class ..	106	4	1	2	2	1	4	5	6	5	11	147	..	..
Total juvenile issue	11,211	991	15	121	*434	33	302	105	196	169	716	14,293	271	53
Class percentage of juvenile issue	78·43	6·93	·11	·85	3·04	·23	2·11	·74	1·37	1·18	5·01	100·00	..	..
Total issue	39,912	2,241	205	512	979	206	1,372	1,469	1,881	1,617	3,832	54,226	..	200

* This includes traditional tales and legends.

THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ARE SUPPLIED TO THE NEWS ROOMS, OR TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

N.B.—Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are kindly supplied gratuitously, the names of the donors being enclosed in parentheses.

Copies of those marked R are bound and placed in the Reference Library on removal from the News Room tables.

Copies of those marked L are bound and placed in the Lending Library on removal from the News Room tables.

DAILIES:—

Birmingham Post.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
London Daily Chronicle.
London Daily Graphic.
London Daily News.
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,, Law charges for do. ..	2 2 0	
,, H. & A. Hunter, Purchase money of Land, Higham Place ..	16,000 0 0	
	16,162 2 0	
Less transferred to Rate Account	65 18 8	
		16,096 3 4
		23,169 1 10
Stephenson Branch Library:—		
,, Balance from last year		652 13 4
Victoria Branch Library:—		
,, Balance from last year		584 14 0
		£24,406 9 2

Rate Account.

Dr PUBLIC LIBRARIES RATE ACCOUNT. Cr.

1901.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 25.	To Balance from last year	.. ..	.. ..	2,178 1 4
	,, Rate collected	4,564 11 0		
	Less Cost of Collecting Rate and Proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	52 12 9		
			4,511 18 3	
	To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c., sold	120 10 5		
	,, Rent of Ground	10 0 0		
Technical	Instruction—			
	Grant for Purchase of Books on Technical Subjects ..	150 0 0		
			280 10 5	

1901.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 25.	Central Library—			
	By Interest on Mortgages ..	157 11 2		
	,, Dividends on Stock ..	579 9 2		
			737 0 4	
	,, Contribution for Redemption of Mortgages ..	71 9 6		
	,, ,, ,, of Stock	166 3 7		
	,, ,, Stock Expenses	2 17 0		
			240 10 1	
				977 10 5
	,, Salaries, Wages, &c. ..	.. ..	1,211 17 6	
	,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	749 11 5		
	,, Books (Technical Instruction)	165 2 11		
	,, Binding	177 6 11		
	,, Carriage of Books, &c. ..	4 16 6		
			1,096 17 9	
	,, Janitor's Uniform ..	.. ..	5 0 0	
	,, Librarian's Disbursements	21 6 4		
	,, Fittings, Repairs, &c. ..	43 7 7		
			64 13 11	
	,, Printing, Stationery, &c..	178 1 3		
	,, Coals	50 16 0		
	,, Insurance..	33 7 6		
	,, Water	6 0 0		
	,, Electric Light and Gas..	143 8 10		
	,, Rates and Taxes.. ..	80 9 6		
	,, Church of Divine Unity, Liberty of Cornice ..	0 2 6		
			492 5 7	
	,, Town Clerk, Law Charges	2 12 6		
	,, Expenses of Deputations to Library Conference, &c.	64 1 0		
	,, Interest on Purchases Money of Land Transferred from Capital A/c.	65 18 8		
			132 12 2	

		4,792 8 8	
BRANCH LIBRARIES—			
To Rate Collected	2,282 5 6		
Less Cost of Collecting Rate, and proportion of Expenses of Rate Department, Books, &c.	26 6 4		
		2,255 19 2	
STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
To Fines and Damages, Catalogues, &c., Sold	36 15 5		
VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY—			
To Fines and Damages, Catalogues Sold	39 19 4		
		76 14 9	
			7,125 2 7
			£9,303 3 11

,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c. ..		570 6 0	
		3,573 12 11	
Deduct Amount Transferred to Stephenson Branch Library		100 0 0	
			3,473 12 11
			4,451 3 4
STEPHENSON BRANCH LIBRARY—			
,, Salaries and Wages..		350 4 7	
,, Books, Magazines, &c. ..	261 1 6		
,, Binding	30 14 7		
,, Printing, Stationery, &c. ..	16 5 4		
,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	0 1 10		
		308 3 3	
,, Janitor's Uniform		5 0 0	
,, Librarian's Disbursements		6 11 10	
,, New Fittings and Repairs		33 11 11	
,, Fuel, Water, Rates, &c. ..	54 7 2		
,, Electric Light and Gas ..	58 2 11		
,, Insurance	1 17 6		
		114 7 7	
,, Repayment to Central Library ..		100 0 0	
,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c. ..		25 2 7	
			943 1 9
VICTORIA BRANCH LIBRARY—			
,, Salaries and Wages		329 1 0	
,, Books	251 19 10		
,, Binding	31 2 7		
,, Printing and Stationery ..	4 18 7		
,, Carriage on Books, &c. ..	0 6 5		
		288 7 5	
,, Janitor's Uniform		5 0 0	
,, Librarian Disbursements		5 1 0	
,, New Fittings		49 19 1	
,, Fuel, Water, &c.	45 0 8		
,, Electric Light and Gas ..	58 1 3		
,, Insurance	3 5 9		
		106 7 8	
,, Repairs to Buildings, Fittings, &c. ..		50 4 5	
			834 0 7
			6,228 5 8
,, Balance to next year			3,074 18 3
			£9,303 3 11

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I bequeath out of such part of my personal Estate as may by law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the benefit of the Public Libraries of the said City, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said City shall be an effectual discharge for the same Legacy.

*I bequeath**

*Books, Pictures, or other Objects of Art or Interest.

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